DX LISTENING DIGEST 11-04, January 26, 2011
Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
edited by Glenn Hauser, http://www.worldofradio.com

Items from DXLD may be reproduced and re-reproduced only if full credit be maintained at all stages and we be provided exchange copies. DXLD may not be reposted in its entirety without permission.

Materials taken from Arctic or originating from Olle Alm and not having a commercial copyright are exempt from all restrictions of noncommercial, noncopyrighted reusage except for full credits

For restrixions and searchable 2011 contents archive see
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxldmid.html

Searchable 2010 contents archive see
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxldmid0.html

NOTE: If you are a regular reader of DXLD, and a source of DX news but have not been sending it directly to us, please consider yourself obligated to do so. Thanks, Glenn

WORLD OF RADIO 1549 headlines:
*Shortwave cuts at Bonaire, Czechia, Germany, Ukraine, BBC, VOA
*More news from Argentina, Australia, Cuba non, Eritrea, Guinea, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, Sikkim, Sudan non, Tibet, USA
*Webcasts from Albania, Tunisia

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1549, January 26-February 1, 2011
Wed 1630 WRMI 9955
Wed 2000 WBCQ 7415
Thu 0430 WRMI 9955
Thu 1600 WRMI 9955
Thu 2000 WBCQ 7415
Thu 2200 WRMI 9955
Fri 0430 WWRB 3185
Fri 1530 WRMI 9955
Fri 2130 WWCR1 7465
Sat 0900 WRMI 9955
Sat 1500 WRMI 9955
Sat 1700 WWCR2 12160
Sat 1830 WRMI 9955
Sat 1900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 6090
Sun 0730 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0900 WRMI 9955
Sun 1630 WRMI 9955
Sun 1830 WRMI 9955

Mon 1230  WRMI  9955
Tue 1630  WRMI  9955
Tue 2000  WBCQ  7415

Latest edition of this schedule version, including AM, FM, satellite and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:
http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html or
http://schedule.worldofradio.org or http://sked.worldofradio.org

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:
http://www.worldofradio.com/anomaly.html

WRN ON DEMAND:
http://193.42.152.193/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS VIA WRN:
http://www.wrn.org/wrn-listeners/world-of-radio/
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:
http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html
or http://wor.worldofradio.org

DXLD YAHOOGROUP: Why wait for DXLD? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our yg without delay.

When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here`s where to sign up:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/

** ALBANIA. Radio Tirana noted on 7530 in English transmission. Had a musical program from 21[2]0 to 2128 UT 19 Jan and the announcer pointed out that this music, popular and religious, was only permitted after the fall of communism in 1991. Transmitter closed at 2128. Excellent signal (R5 S9+20 dB) (Phil Finkle, K6EID, Marietta GA, Rx ñ Yaesu FTDX-5000D with 2 el yagi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9915 via ASCENSION, BBCWS news in English mentioning people killed in violent Tirana demonstrations, Jan 21 at 2202. How did R. Tirana report on this? Missed monitoring that day, but remaining Saturday chances before the Sunday day-off are:

1945-2000 7465, 11635
2100-2130 7530, 9895
0130-0145 6130
0245-0300 6130

0330-0400 6100
0430-0500 6100

Here`s VOA`s report on what is happening:
http://www.voanews.com/english/news/International-Concern-Over-Deadly-Protests-in-Albania---114418539.html
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13640, R Tirana in English on 22 meterband, 1530 UT heard interval signal, followed by ID, S=5-6 signal towards North America and GB&IRL, on Perseus screen showed spoken parts by 10 kHz wide 2x5 kHz, but different music part only 7.5 kHz wide.

Protester in Friday police clashes in Tirana, crowd put pressure on Albanian government, law violation, 3 protester fatal casualties died, more than 50 humans heavily injured. Stay away of provocations!
(Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Jan 22, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

Trying to monitor R. Tirana about the Jan 21 violent lethal demonstrations there, Jan 22 at 2100: 9895 poor signal, but better than 7530; not enough to copy vs local noise level. So tried the webcast at
http://radiotirana.funkhaus.info:8000/
Stream is running but silently.

Then tried next half-hour broadcast at 0330 UT Jan 23 on 6100 only: again too much noise vs signal. Now the webcast is running ---

News seems even-handed. Albanian anti-government protesters, 3 dead, 47 wounded. ``Forsenics`` to determine kind of gun which fired bullets. Quotes US ambassador, calling for calm and restraint. Foreign press reports. Background on socialist party protests to the election results. Nice folk music to end the transmission.

Now that I can hear her clearly, I`m afraid the announcer mispronounces a number of English words. But I would have a hard time pronouncing any Albanian words correctly.

And repeats at 0400 while SW takes a break, another repeat at 0430 when SW 6100 is back on. But silent after 0500. Previous monitoring earlier in the evening have found more repeats of the 15-minute English shows when they are not on SW (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. Is RNAngola to expand, finally? It seems milions of USD worth of equipment were, and possibly are, standing idle in crates and storehouses. This may explain why RNA is so "weak" at present at least

in terms of HF use. Or is such equipment already in use? I doubt. Check this http://www.angonoticias.com/full_headlines.php?id=28590 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fontes que acompanham o processo de extens„o do sinal da RNA realÁaram que, apÛs ‡ visita que os novos respons·veis da emissora efectuaram ao Centro do Mulenvos, encontraram em estado deplor·vel v·rios emissores de onda mÈdia (AM) de 100, 50, 25 e 10 Kilowatts e outros de onda curta (excerpt of above via gh, DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, still no trace of a signal from LRA36, Monday Jan 24 at 1358, almost 2.5 months since the last log. Summer vacation or staff rotation time is almost over? We may hope for a revival in February as sometimes happens (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Re new station on 1700: Y en cuanto a lo fant·stico, quiero decir la emisora se asÌ se llama y que emite en 1700, ya se la tragÛ Jim Solatie en Finlandia. Eso fue a finales de octubre del 2010. Gracias a los datos aportados por Federico Fuleston a esta lista le pude suministrar las coordenadas como para que les enviara su informe. Respondieron en seguida, adjuntando un buen trozo radiopreparado y grabado en vivo donde le saludan a Jim. De manera que por favor sigan difundiendo en la lista las novedades por insignificante que parezcan. De lo que se siembra no todo se lo lleva el viento (Henrik Klemetz, Suecia, Jan 20, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Re 11-03: Hi Glenn, Nobody has asked me directly what time I heard Argentina on 13363 LSB; A few moments ago I read it on your digest.

Well, it was heard between 1735 and 1759 UT of January 12, 2011 (Wednesday). I am absolutely sure it was Argentina. I heard many advertises of "Coca-cola", "somos la radio del verano", "est·s escuchando la cierta", announcements from Buenos Aires and La Rioja, music in Spanish, advertisement of a series of courses, like "periodismo, periodismo deportivo", and even a kind of program I use to listen in Radio Diez (when I listen to MW at night): a quick program of questions and answers by phone. I'm not sure what station they were relaying, but they were there, no doubt. 73 (Fabricio Andrade Silva, Tubar„o / Jaguaruna - SC, Brazil, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 15345v, Radio Nacional Buenos Aires strong 2147 9/1 with Home Service relay scheduled Sat/Sun UT. Frequency measured at 15345.12 today. Followed throughout the local day ñ time pips 0100, ident as ìRadio Nacional de Santa FeÖ en todo el pais, Nacional, la radio p˙blicaî and news in Spanish. Strong signal held till abrupt closure 0300 10/1 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand,

using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 9-10 Jan were UT Sun-Mon

6060, Radio Nacional, General Pachecho, 2135-2150, 22-01, Spanish, male comments. In parallel with 15345. 23322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 km W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345+, Jan 23 at 2300 Andean music, 2301 ``Nacional informa``, flutter. Frequency is very slightly on hi side compared to WWVH 15000.000 on YB-400. This and all the Brazilians led me to check:

13363-LSB, Jan 23 at 2320, very poor at first, Spanish conversation as on a broadcast station; 2325 mentions estadio, apparently about sports, but not live game, then some commercials, mentions Mendoza, Buenos Aires. 2328 suddenly changes to slowed-down and lower-pitch speech as if a playback problem, but maybe just an effect, briefly.

This is one of the occasionally heard feeder frequencies to Antarctica(?), presumably run by the military, and according to some Argentine DX speculation, not officially authorized. Several of the major Bs. As. stations have been heard on these, possibly without their knowledge or permission, so I am hoping to hear a specific ID.

Fortunately, reception improves little by little. At 2330 I hear one pip; then at 2331, ``Rivadavia --- rotativo del aire``, news headlines, 2333-2334 more Rivadavia IDs in passing, 2335 back to sports talk. R. Rivadavia is LS5 on 630, apparently named for a commodore, like the city elsewhere in Argentina. See also CHINA

13363-LSB, Jan 24 at 2228 once again today there is a very weak broadcast relay with music, IDed yesterday as R. Rivadavia, but it could now be a different station input (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. LT83 TV Canal 3 de Rosario - Argentina  1700 km de distancia --- Amigos, segue link dos arquivos que postei no Youtube dos sinais internacionais que recebi pelo canal 3 VHF TV no sabado 22/01/2011 ‡s 2230 GMT

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1KPUQ3MGg8
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msfRhXksLcw
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoGxSKQpvAI
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yy6PBzWRy5U
73¥s  (Fran - Itapecerica da Serra SP, TV Semp Toshiba 21``, Antena Prismatica 20 elem, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** ARMENIA [and non]. Armenia and France: the Transmitter on MW 1377 kHz in Armenia, transferring programs "Voice of Russia" and TWR sounded some months as motorcycle, and one of these days already with a sound airplane 1400-1900 . Be heard please on radio of France in Russian with 19.00  on 7425 kHz and there though and not so it is loud, other "motor" is audible (Rumen Pankov, Blgaria, RusDX Jan 23 via DXLD) See also BULGARIA

** ASCENSION. 11665, ASCENSION ?? DW Radio, coming on at 2359:30 Jan 24 over top of NHK Radio Japan, which had been in Japanese prior to top of the hour. DW in German with ID at 0000 Jan 25 and into news. NHK seemed to disappear, so were both from Ascension and the operator faded NHK down and DW up? Very good (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

??? - nothing new, here are registrations of Zurich HFCC in Aug 2010:
11665 2200 2400 49,50,54  YAM 300 235 Jpn J NHK NHK
11665 0000 0100 7S,8S,10,11, ASC 250 282 Deu G DWL DWL
11665 0000 0100 49,50,54  YAM 300 235 Jpn J NHK NHK
(Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, R. Symban, 1430 + 1511, Jan 18. Back on the air again after being absent for some weeks. As they had been off, I had hoped they were upgrading the transmitter, but did not notice any improvement today; very faintly heard music which could have been Greek. Better propagation on Jan 19; clearly Greek music at 1045 + 1336 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2368.5, R. Symban (presumed), 1421-1515, Jan 23. Sports commentary, interviews and coverage of a sports game; seemed to be in Greek; 1506-1515 series of ads and announcements; on a day with good propagation, was one of their better receptions; best just before my local sunrise (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Week in review: Hi Glenn, still nothing on 3210 kHz. Symban was readable for 30 minutes (2368.5 kHz) on 1/23 for about 30 minutes between 1200-1230 UT. Aussies on 120M were fair to good. I worked VK3FMCX (10 watts) on 40M SSB. Two snow storms this week; Today it`s 0 F (Bill, W1OW, Smith, MA, Jan 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2325, ABC Tennant Creek, 1320, Jan 25. Having a problem with just an open carrier and no audio; better than normal reception on 2310 (poor-fair) // 2485 (fair) with conversation about customer service (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 3210, ex HCJB Pifo 90m transmitter testing near Sydney, very good with Bible readings 1735 9/1. Increased power or improved antenna? Irregular schedule as missing at 0854 check 12/1 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This was a 10 kW transmitter, still in Aoki under 3220, so may we expect it to reach that level in its new home? (gh, DXLD)

What about confirming reception from own radio by comparing the programming to the one heard via a remote receiver, that is situated nearby the transmitter? Certainly unorthodox, but I think better than nothing, when ID is not heard. This I used with "Radio 3210", Sydney (Schofields) on New Year's Day, listening to the same music here and via a Queensland remote receiver. Later it was also confirmed by John Wright. It was not possible to get a proper ID, because the station doesn't have a name yet! (73, Mauno Ritola via NORDX via SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED 3210-

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. 9710 and 9660, RA at 0700 Jan 20 claims it`s 8 pm in Suva, so Fiji is on DST of UT+13 like NZ? Yes, until 16 March, says WRTH 2011, but whether there will be DST next `summer` is subject to confirmation. May I point out that it`s absurd for a country inside the tropix at latitude 17 to be going on DST, but just tell that to MÈxico and Brasil! It`s the fashionable thing to do.

RA News says floods are now hitting 70 towns in N & W Victoria, while Brisbane is bracing for a ``king tide``, i.e. 0030 UT Friday, where they have enough sense to avoid DST:
http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/floods/8199804/brisbane-nervous-ahead-of-king-tide
What are king tides?
http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Tides/King-tides.aspx

RA also audible at 0705 with `Pacific Beat` on 13630 and 15160, but not 13690, 15240. 13690 is scheduled to close at 0700, but not 15240, until 0800 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. In SWL/Media programs list: Friday 1245 no DXPL in last two weeks on 15400 kHz, yes Friday program deleted (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jan 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1156-1215, 20-January-2011, in Bengali. Sub Continent type music, 1159 female announcer with station ID, time pips at 1200 and clear ID "Bangladesh Betar" followed by

news, good signal (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, Ten Tec RX340 & 100 Ft Long Wire, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) See INDONESIA: 4750 is back

4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1300-1305, Jan 25. ID and news in assume Bengali; subcontinent singing; 1307-1309 Moslem call-to-prayer (Isha/night); 1310 another clear ID; much stronger than RRI Makassar which was slightly lower in frequency; also CNR1 was in the mix (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [non]. TDPradio has a new website online. Check it out at http://www.tdpradio.com (Ludo Maes, Jan 22, TDP mailing list via DXLD)

This site is for the dance-music DRM-only SW service on 6015, 17755, not the whole TDP operation (gh, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4451.3, RADIO SANTA ANA, Santa Ana del Yacuma, 2315-2340 ene 22. Mensajes y comunicados. ".. por las potentes ondas de Radio Santa Ana, la radio que se identifica con las aspiraciones de su pueblo... hemos pasado la lectura de mensajes de este horario en El Mensajero de la Mosquitania..." Luego el programa: Serenata, feliz aniversario. Anuncia emisiÛn en cadena con Radio Estrella.

4700, RADIO SAN MIGUEL, Riberalta, 2314-2330 ene 21. Programa de mensajes y comunicados "A quien corresponda" anuncio del gobierno municipal de Riberalta, campaÒa Hola vecino. "...Radio San Miguel, Radio San Miguel 99.1 FM..."

4716.7, RADIO YURA, Ayllu Yura. 0221-0230* ene 22. Notada con completo cierre: "... Hasta este momento. Radio Yura, la voz de los Ayllus ha llevado adelante sus emisiones correspondientes a esta jornada, esperamos que todos los programas que hemos difundido hayan estado al completo agrado de todos ustedes; hemos transmitido en la frecuencia de 4715 kilociclos onda corta, banda internacional de 60 metros desde el Aytun Ayllu Yura, provincia Antonio Quijarro, departamento de PotosÌ, Rep˙blica de Bolivia. Agradecemos su sintonÌa y los esperamos en nuestra prÛxima emisiÛn..."

4796.1, RADIO LÕPEZ, Uyuni, 2330-2355 ene 21. Anuncios comerciales de Jugos del Valle, Carrera universitaria en Turismo. ID "...Desde el gran salar de Uyuni para el resto del mundo, transmite Radio LÌpez [sic; I did not have to insert that accent --- gh], en 4795 kilociclos, banda de 60 metros onda corta; te acompaÒa con entretenimiento, informaciÛn, educaciÛn y di·logo..." Escuchas realizadas en el municipio de Fomeque, con un Sony ICF 2010 y antena dipolo de 10 metros. Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Jan 24, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BONAIRE [and non]. BONAIRE/MOLDOVA, 9865, RNW Bonaire relay, Dutch belonging European news, scheduled 0600-0627 UT, S=2-3 strength, newsdesk, British police investigation in Bristol against Dutch national suspect. Same program heard 7 minutes later much stronger on 9895 kHz via Grigoriopol Moldova relay transmission (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 21, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD) did you mean 7 seconds??

No, 6 - 7 minutes later, not seconds. The European Dutch program structure feed totally different, compared at Bonaire only 27 minutes roundup to AM target (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

May well have been seven minutes since there are different programmes, the 27 minute ones that remain for overseas shortwave audiences for now vs. the "full" program, as transmitted at times on shortwave to Europe (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BONAIRE. RNW says the Bonaire relay will be closed in 2012 because it makes no sense to keep it on with so few broadcasting hours. Has RN published anything about this in English? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here is for reference the original RNW report about the closure of the Bonaire transmitters:
http://www.rnw.nl/espanol/article/radio-nederland-cerrara-la-estacion-en-bonaire

The use of this site is pretty low already now: 12 frequency hours of RNW, 5 hours of NHK, 4.5 hours of IBB, 4 hours of DW, 2 hours of Radio Vatican. Makes a transmitter occupancy of 38 percent. And the DW hours can already be written off.

It is remarkable that the modernization project carried out in 2006/2007, which included the replacement of the old Philips gear by two new Thomson transmitters, took four million Euros which are now wasted (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EN 2012 CERRARAN LA ESTACION REPETIDORA DE RNW EN BONAIRE, ANTILLAS HOLANDESAS [sic]

Republico un comentario aparecido en Espacio DX - cartas@RN, en el sitio web de la querida emisora internacional Radio Nederland., hecho por Sergio Acosta, integrante del staff de la seccion en castellano de Radio Nederland:

"Saludos a todos, un muy feliz 2011 lleno de salud y de muchas ondas para todos Ustedes.

Lamentablemente la Onda Corta sigue bajando, aun asi valoro mucho su

vocacion y hobby.

Radio Nederland paulatinamente ira disminuyendo las emisiones de SW, pero parece que no terminar· con ella.

En una entrevista que le hice al Director de DistribuciÛn de RN, publicada en nuestra web, en breve en esta Comunidad, y el domingo en Cartas @ RN explica que en ese camino de reducciÛn va el cierre en el 2012 de la estaciÛn de Bonaire, porque ya no tiene sentido con tan pocas horas de emisiÛn.

Una triste noticia, pero en un mundo en cambio la distribuciÛn en m˙ltiple, nuestros hijos ya manejan el IPod y la computadora como un juguete (el mio de 4 aÒos lo hace), y Radio Nederland dejÛ de ser solo "radio" para ser lo que es Multimedia.

A pesar de todo la direcciÛn de RN se mantiene firme en mantener SW, pero vivimos momentos de mucha incertidumbre, asÌ que a cruzar los dedos. Un abrazo a todos desde Hilversum... "

Vean:

http://cartas.ning.com/group/espaciodx?commentId=4981221%3AComment%3A8991&xg_source=msg_com_group
para otros comentarios sobre esta noticia (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Ene 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here`s the full transcript of what was said:

HOLANDA: øEL FINAL DE LA ONDA CORTA? EL LIBRETO YA EST¡ ESCRITO
domingo 23 de enero de 2011

En Octubre del 2012 la estaciÛn repetidora de Radio Nederland en la isla caribeÒa de Bonaire ser· cerrada. A partir de entonces las emisiones por onda corta pasarÌan a hacerse por otras estaciones. øLlegar· el final de la onda corta? Todo parece indicar que se acerca. El libreto ya est· escrito.

En entrevista para  Cartas @ RN, el programa de contacto con oyentes e internautas en espaÒol de Radio Nederland, el jefe del Departamento de DistribuciÛn, Jan Willem Drexhage, explica las razones del cierre de Bonaire, el futuro previsible de las emisiones en onda corta de la emisora internacional holandesa, y las nuevas formas de distribuciÛn de la produccíÛn que Radio Nederland tiene en proyecto.

"Vivimos en un mundo en cambio, nos gustan las nuevas tecnologÌas, pero las viejas a˙n dan 'placer' a muchas personas, escribe el periodista Sergio Acosta en su p·gina de Facebook, y acota: "Nuestra

radio, Radio Nederland, famosa en el mundo y en AmÈrica Latina, no escapa a esos cambios, a los recortes y las luchas polÌticas internas de Holanda. En el 2012, en octubre, perderemos una de nuestras joyas, la estaciÛn repetidora (relay station) de la Isla de Bonaire..."

El arte de hacer radio reproduce la entrevista:

S.A: Hace un mes representantes de su departamento celebraron en nuestra estaciÛn en Bonaire una reuniÛn. øCu·l fue el objetivo?

Jan Willem Drexhage: Es cierto, hemos celebrado una reuniÛn de coordinaciÛn de frecuencias. Siempre nos reunimos algunas veces por aÒo algunas grandes emisoras internacionales, para acordar el uso de frecuencias de onda corta, para evitar que transmitamos a la misma hora y en la misma frecuencia que otras, como la BBC, por ejemplo... Sigue abajo

S.A.: øQuÈ emisoras o interesados asistieron a esa reuniÛn?

JWD: Se trataba de las organizaciones m·s grandes, por ejemplo Radio Canad· Internacional, la FCC que coordina en Estados Unidos las frecuencias para una serie de emisoras pequeÒas, la IBB que trabaja para la Voz de AmÈrica, Radio Europa Libre, Radio Libertad, y Radio Asia Libre, y otras. TambiÈn estuvo la Voz de Rusia a travÈs de GFC que coordina las frecuencias para esta. Adem·s Babcock que es la organizaciÛn que ordena las frecuencias para el Servicio Mundial de la BBC y muchas otras emisoras que alquilan tiempo de transmisiÛn de ellos, y la Deutsche Welle que tambiÈn asistiÛ.

S.A.: ø China no estuvo?

JWD: No, China no estaba presente. Dos veces al aÒo tenemos una reuniÛn HFCC, High Frequency Coordination Conference, y allÌ sÌ est·n presentes de todo el mundo. Esta reuniÛn que hemos tenido en Bonaire es una suerte de coordinaciÛn previa, con algunas grandes emisoras. Nosotros participamos en estas reuniones creo desde desde 1964. Y tambiÈn participamos siempre en el HFCC. Y allÌ por supuesto tambiÈn esta China, todos los paÌses grandes y pequeÒos.

S.A.: La tendencia de que la Onda Corta seguir· disminuyendo parece que no se puede detener øcuales son los planes de Radio Nederland en este terreno de cara al futuro?

JWD: SÌ, nosotros observamos tambiÈn que cada aÒo la onda corta disminuye un poco. La razÛn es que, por suerte, hay ahora muchos otros medios de distribuciÛn para las emisoras internacionales. Cada aÒo miramos, dependiendo de la regiÛn hacia donde se emite el contenido, los programas, los textos, de quÈ medios de distribuciÛn disponemos.

Por ejemplo, para un paÌs en ¡frica, o una regiÛn como Darfur, allÌ producimos emisiones para la organizaciÛn holandesa Press Now a travÈs de Radio Dabanga. Esta es una regiÛn tÌpica donde la onda corta es muy importante y lo seguir· siendo durante bastante tiempo.

Pero hay tambiÈn regiones en el mundo, como por ejemplo Estados Unidos, donde hay muchas conexiones muy r·pidas de Internet, satÈlite, y en las que se pueden utilizar otros medios de distribuciÛn. TambiÈn existen todo tipo de nuevos medios de esto, como telÈfono mÛvil, telÈfonos Smart, estas son otras formas que podemos utilizar. Este aÒo estudiaremos eso, por ejemplo con una aplicaciÛn para telÈfono mÛvil y para el Iphone. Para cada regiÛn determinamos la mejor combinaciÛn de medios de distribuciÛn. No vamos a decidir de un golpe terminar con la onda corta, pero la reduciremos paulatinamente, y los otros medios los incluiremos paulatinamente tambiÈn. De esta forma continuaremos alcanzando bien al p˙blico.

S.A.: Entonces podemos decirle a nuestros oyentes que nos escuchan por Onda Corta en AmÈrica Latina que se van a mantener las transmisiones por los prÛximos dos aÒos en las mismas frecuencias conocidas.

JWD: Seguiremos emitiendo en la onda corta, pero es posible que paulatinamente reduzcamos la cantidad de horas. Ahora emitimos en la noche dos horas hacia AmÈrica Latina y el siguiente paso podrÌa ser emitir una hora.

S.A.: Pero ødesde cu·ndo?

JWD.: Lo decidiremos en los prÛximos tiempos. A lo mejor daremos ese paso en el otoÒo boreal. Pero la decisiÛn definitiva no se ha tomado todavÌa. Miramos siempre cu·ntas emisoras afiliadas tenemos en la regiÛn en cuestiÛn, si utilizan nuestros programas a travÈs del satÈlite o de Internet. Dependiendo de los desarrollos en una determinada regiÛn o paÌs podemos concluir que el n˙mero de oyentes por onda corta ha disminuido tanto, que es una decisiÛn responsable disminuir las emisiones en onda corta y aumentarlas en otros medios de distribuciÛn.

S.A.: En una comunicaciÛn interna se ha dicho dice que Radio Nederland decidiÛ el cierre de nuestra estaciÛn retransmisora en Bonaire a finales de octubre del aÒo prÛximo, el 2012. Esta es una noticia muy triste, se trata del cierre de nuestra joya en el Caribe. Si esto es asÌ, entonces øcu·l es el futuro entonces de nuestras emisiones en onda corta?

JWD: Nosotros tambiÈn lo lamentamos mucho. Es una estaciÛn preciosa, con buenos equipos, muy buena para alcanzar AmÈrica del Norte, del Centro y del Sur, pero vemos que desde hace aÒos, el n˙mero de horas

que emitimos por esa estaciÛn est· disminuyendo. Prevemos que a finales del 2012, ese n˙mero de horas que utiliza Radio Nederland ser· tan reducido, que serÌa muy costoso mantener la estaciÛn. Eso no significa que paremos inmediatamente con la Onda Corta, ya que arrendaremos tiempo en otras estaciones en la regiÛn, por ejemplo en Montsinery en la Guayana Francesa o travÈs de Sackville de Radio Canad·. Es decir que cuando cerremos Bonaire no significar· autom·ticamente que terminaremos con la onda corta.

S.A.: Entonces el futuro de la onda corta es muy incierto, y la proyecciÛn es totalmente hacia otros tipos de distribuciÛn multimedial

JWD: Estamos en eso. Internet, como ya dije, es muy importante. Radios afiliadas tambiÈn. Actualmente hablamos de medios asociados, porque no solamente difundimos nuestro contenido a travÈs de emisiones de radio. TambiÈn podemos tener un acuerdo con un periÛdico grande en una determinada regiÛn ya que ellos nos dan informaciÛn y nosotros a ellos. A travÈs de ese tipo de medios tambiÈn alcanzamos nuestro objetivo. Ya no somos solamente una radio, somos una combinaciÛn de audio, video y texto. Cada vez hacemos m·s video. Y buscamos los mejores medios de distribuciÛn.

Hay regiones donde la radio es muy importante y allÌ buscaremos afiliadas en la FM, la Frecuencia Modulada. Estamos en el satÈlite. Tenemos ìaudiostreamî durante 24 horas en Internet. Este aÒo es muy importante para poder determinar quÈ puede significar para nosotros la telefonÌa mÛvil. Desde este lunes tendremos una persona temporal en el departamento que se dedicar· durante un aÒo a este tema y estudiar· la posibilidad de firmar contratos con proveedores de telecomunicaciones para que podamos estar a travÈs de sus portales presentes en los telÈfonos mÛviles.

ESCUCHAR
http://download.omroep.nl/rnw/smac/cms/entrevista_a_jw_drexhage_20110121_44_1kHz.mp3

FUENTE: øEl final de la onda corta? El libreto ya est· escrito
http://bit.ly/gcQgPj
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

Con esta noticia se acent˙a la tendencia de cerrar emisoras internacionales por onda corta y es muy claro el discurso cuando se insiste en justificar que existen los medios por audio, video y escritura para llevar la informaciÛn a travÈs de los nuevos soportes tecnolÛgicos en los que la onda corta (que apenas es uno de los modos) resulta incuestionablemente honerosa. Completa el cuadro la argumentada estadÌsitica que indicarÌa una considerable merma de radioescuchas. Ning˙n gobierno querr· en tal sentido destinar

presupuestos a cambio de un magro resultado, al menos los dirigentes holandeses ya lo han evaluado.

LLama la atenciÛn que esta muerte varias veces anunciada languidece con propuestas que - a mi entender - resultan paradÛjicas. DecÌa el entrevistado, Jan Willem Drexhage, Jefe del Departamento de DistribuciÛn y Frecuencias de Radio Nederland que no ser· un cierre para lamentar ya que se utilizarÌan otras estaciones repetidoras colegas como Montsinery en Guayana Francesa o vÌa Sackville en Canad·. Esto suena algo asÌ como "A ver quien cierra ˙ltimo que yo ya me voy", una forma muy despiadada para quienes hemos visto crecer a estas grandes estaciones durante dÈcadas y que hoy compiten para abandonar las bandas lo antes posible (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, condiglist via DXLD)

øAlguien duda que estamos asistiendo al final de la onda corta tal y como la conocÌamos?

Lo de RNW no deberÌa sorprendernos puesto que el achicamiento y desmantelamiento ha venido siendo gradual pero permanente en los ˙ltimos aÒos, especialmente durante el ˙ltimo decenio.

Ha sido la primer emisora en espaÒol a reconocer el cambio de las nuevas tecnologias y las tendencias cuando el mÌtico "Espacio Diexista" fue reemplazado con el ahora mÌtico tambiÈn "Radioenlace" . (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

I speculated on the possible Bonaire closing on a post a couple of months ago, so this is not a complete surprise.  With no English output, Spanish down to one frequency (except at 1200) and the reduced Dutch transmissions, the station was getting less and less use.

Any remaining Spanish or Dutch for the Americas could easily be handled by either Sines or Montsinery.

Seems odd that they would have done all the renovations in the past few years just to shut it down. I suspect the Thomson transmitters (installed in 2007) will be headed to Madagascar, where I assume the original two Philips units from 1972 are still in use? (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, Jan 25, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Media Network eventually availablized this in English:
http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/rnw-bonaire-relay-station-will-close-in-october-2012#comments
Concluding with:

Andy Sennitt on Jan 26th, 2011 at 19:26

Why should moving a transmission from Bonaire to Montsinery affect listener numbers? But of course itís sad, as Bonaire (which I visited in the 1980s) is indeed one of the most beautiful shortwave sites in the world. And it means an end to shortwave broadcasting from Dutch territory, as we already closed Flevo a few years ago. But we canít afford to be sentimental - we have to make tough decisions (MN blog comment via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. supra tall on Dec 10th, 2010 at 14:11
Dear friends, I`ve a licence to work a tropical short wave here in Brasil and I need the information confirming the bands of 120, 90, 60 meters will continue in the dial of DRM receiver and if it will continue receiving analogic system or I have to change my actual transmitter to a digital transmitter. If anyone here has this information please contact me I will be thankful. Obrigado in Portuguese. Thanks, Paulo Roberto (Media Network blog comment via DXLD)

** BRAZIL [and non]. BRASIL, 4915, R·dio Daqui very strong 0825 4/1 with music, Portuguese announcements and frequent idents. No sign of usual Macap·.

5055v, R·dio Jornal a CrÌtica tentatively the Portuguese station first noted 0602 running all night 6/1 on 5054.92m with non-stop vocals until morning program opening at 0700 with sung ident jingle mentioning Amazonas. Peaking at good level but barely audible at 0758. Also heard running overnight 7/1 & 8/1 and again today 21/1 at 0600 recheck.

9665.1, Voz Mission·ria poor in Portuguese with ident & frequency info, 0300 9/1. Fair by 0330 with religious program. At 0643 still audible with // 5939.86.

15190.03, R·dio InconfidÍncia continues to be audible daily, with best reception in our late afternoon/early evening, e.g. today 0607 21/1.

Late December/January has been busy with the priority summer holiday guests and the peak of our regional FM DX season - Australia, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and Fiji all heard but overall the season has not been as exciting as last year. No overseas FM for a few days now so a chance to catch up with the shortwave log. Sorry that some of these items are rather dated. I'm particularly keen to get a positive ID on my 5055 Brasilian (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5035, Radio Aparecida, Aparecida, 2140-2145, 22-01, Portuguese, male, comments. 14321.

6135, Radio Aparecida, Aparecida, 0813-0823, 23-01, female, male, Portuguese, Id. "Radio Aparecida", Brazilian songs. 24322.

9695.8, Radio Rio Mar, Manaus, 0958-1015, 23-01, male, Portuguese, comments, Brazilian songs, identification at 1000: "Radio Rio Mar, Onda Media, 1290 kHz, ondas curtas, 31 y 49 metros, 9695, 6160 kHz, Radio Rio Mar, Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil", "Radio Rio Mar informa", news, songs. 24322.

11750, Voz Missionaria, Camboiri˙, 2115-2118, 22-01, male, Portuguese, religious, comments: "O Espiritu de Deus". 24322. (MÈndez)

11855, Radio Aparecida, Aparecida, 2118-2135, 22-01, Portuguese, DX program "Encontro DX", DX news with Celio Romais, from Porto Alegre, Medium Wave news, "DX-ismo Brasileiro". 23432.

11915, Radio Gaucha, Porto Alegre, 2124-2130, 22-01, Portuguese, male, comments. 24322.

15190, Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, 1755-1815, 22-01, Brazilian songs, male, comments, Portuguese, id. "Inconfidencia", advertisements, "Inconfidencia, 4 y 3". 33433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5990, R·dio Senado, BrasÌlia, 0815-0905, 23-01, Brazilian songs, female, identification: "R·dio Senado, ondas curtas, freq¸Íncia de 5990 kHz, faixa de 49 metros", Political news "NotÌcias do Senado Brasileiro", songs. The first time I hear R·dio Senado in the morning; before, I hear it always at 2100 UT. 34433. (MÈndez)

6010, Radio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 2208-2215, 23-01, Brazilian songs, Portuguese, comments. In parallel with 15190. 13321. (MÈndez)

9592.8, S˙per R·dio Deus È Amor, 2220-2226, 22-01, Portuguese, male, religious comments. In parallel with 11765, 9565. Distortion signal. 14321. (MÈndez) [nom. 9585, ZYE969 S„o Paulo]

11805.1, S˙per R·dio Deus È Amor, Rio de Janeiro, 2110-2150, 22-01, Portuguese, religious, male talking with listeners, "A igreja Deus È Amor". In parallel with 11765 and 9565. 33333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11765, Super R·dio Deus È Amor, Curitiba, 0626, Jan 20.

With man preaching passionately in Portuguese, followed by Gospel song, fair.

11805, Super R·dio Deus È Amor, Rio de Janeiro, 0627, Jan 20. Same programming as on 11765. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815, Jan 23 at 2309, Radio Brasil Central ID and timecheck after 9 o`clock, then ``Puppy Love``; good signal but fluttery. Also at 2316, another ID, time as ``9, 15``, then ``Born to be Alive`` hard rock. Meanwhile I went after more Brazilians on 25m. Of course, RNA was inbooming on 11780, but beyond that:

HCJB`s Brazilian service via CHILE on 11920 manages to bother two Brasilians: great planning: at 2311 there is a weaker signal on 11915 in Brazilian Portuguese, i.e. R. Ga˙cha; and on 11925, rapid Portuguese, perhaps game coverage, from R. Bandeirantes, both with ACI from 11920. I sometimes hear 11925 in the nightmiddle, not 11915. These two are likely slightly off-frequency as usual, but no hets audible now.

12174v, no sign of the spur from SRDA 11765, but the fundamental not heard either.

11855, Jan 23 at 2312, lo het mixing about equally between Spanish from WYFR, and Portuguese, i.e. R. Aparecida. Fortunately, this is not one of WYFR`s stronger signals, 222 degrees to Mexico. 31 m too:

9665v, lo het at 2343 Jan 23, super-hyped produxion seems like a commercial station, but it`s R·dio Voz Mission·ria in singing ID, with frequencies 9665, 11750 and 5940 (as listed tho I did not copy all the numbers). Accompanied by the ZYs on 9645v, 9675v, 9696v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9564.96, S˙per R·dio Deus e' Amor, Curitiba in Portuguese (approx. on this frequency) 01/23 0227-0306, OM excited sermon till 0231 (mentioning Brasil), song, OM brief sermon, OM no much clear announcement (at 0234 in low modulation with possible ID), continued sermon, enhanced excited sermon by other man to crowd (mentioned EspÌrito Santo, Deus e' Amor, igreja, glÛria, glÛria...), then continued crazy sermon with very excited enhanced voice (with a YL crying and talk, and OM chatting with other YL), OM brief announcement at 0250, other men excited sing song sermons to crowd (also chatting to other people, then translated into English by another man).

At 0300 OM enhance announcement but in low modulation (no much clear with possible ID), continued sermon by other man, music break & OM

announcement at 0302 with two clear ID as "...S˙per R·dio Deus e' Amor! ...", frequency quote and internet web site, other OM enhanced announcement (in low modulation over music), other man talk then chatting with others, best heard in LSB with moderate deep QSB and QRM splats (strong at times), almost fair/ poor at times (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, JRC NRD 525; Alpha Delta DX-SWL Sloper-S; RG 8 mini coaxial cable; JPS NIR 12 Noise & Interference Reducer-Dual DSP outboard audio filter; Intek PS-35 5 ampere feeder; JRC ñ NVA 319 external loudspeaker unit; Yaesu YH ñ 77 STA stereo headphones; Oregon Scientific radio controlled clock, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx for your reports. I am not sure what you mean by ``enhanced announcement``? (Glenn to Gianni, via DXLD)

Concerning "enhance", may be it's better to say: echoing, or resounding or thundering voice or other word? Ciao (Gianni, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I see, echoing or reverberating = reverbing (gh)

** BULGARIA. Spaceline DRM test on 5825 kHz
http://www.drmrx.org/forum/showthread.php?t=2306
Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Jan 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1800-2000 UT Jan 25 and 26 only. The original announcement came from DRMBulgaria, so may we assume it is from Bulgaria? No one says so explicitly and no one asks! One screenshot shows label as Radio CJSC DRM; what`s CJSC?? and TX location: No record. One monitor says he heard DX Partyline on it! (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Probably Radio CJSC, Armenia tests via Kostinbrod, Bulgaria

Check this: http://www.dxaktuell.de/CJSC-Test-DREAM.PNG
And this : http://www.radio-int.am/?p=contacts&l=eng

From DRM newsletter 04/09:

``More variety of content from Bulgarian National Radio

Bulgarian National Radio is adding English, German, Russian and French to its regular transmissions on its short wave DRM platform operated by Spaceline Ltd. Besides its regular DRM test transmissions of the Horizontal programme in Bulgarian, BNR is expanding the variety of content transmitted on a regular basis from the Kostinbrod DRM transmitter in order to take advantage of DRMís benefits and reach new listeners.`` Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, ibid.)

HISTORY --- Radio CJSC is the successor of Noratus Radio Station, established in 1965. It is located in Noratus at lake Sevan, 40 miles

north-east of Yerevan. The Center's technical capacity has been regularly upgraded, most recently in 1990, when a new unit with a powerful relay station and a set of antennae was completed.

PRESENT --- Privately held, Radio CJSC it is Armenia's only broadcaster in short and middle waves, and one of the largest and technically best-equipped in the former USSR. Its main campus, with 3 units and antennae, occupies 1760 acres. An older satellite campus, Station #1, established in 1949, and located in Kotayk, 15 miles north-east of Yerevan, consists of 1 unit and 1 middle-wave transmitter operating in 150 KW (about us page at the .am site above, via gh, DXLD)

This item on German A-DX ng yesterday Jan 25 morning:

Subject: [A-DX] Log: DRM-Test Radio CJSC
Nabend, Auf 5825 kHz l‰uft gerade eine DRM-Testsendung aus Bulgarien. Hier in Kiel 21 dB, keine Aussetzer, ohne Interferenzen. Gesendet werden Oldies unter der Kennung "Radio CJSC DRM".
Empfangsberichte an georgiev @ spaceline.bg
Auch morgen nochmal on air: 1800-2000 UT. Gr¸fle, (Douglas K‰hler, Germany, Jan 25, ADX via Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

- - -

This dubious firm Spaceline appeared also in 2005/2006 on WRTH / IRRS / WRN transmissions via 20 kW Stolnik/Kostinbrod Bulgaria access by two guys. WRTH 2006, p447, see tiny SPACELINE LTD Broker entry

History: **********

BULGARIA  Spaceline Ltd. of Sofia, Bulgaria provides SW txion sces for several broadcasters and has applied for membership of the HFCC/ASBU in order to co-ordinate the HF requirements of those various broadcasters. However, the SB has received a letter from the Communications Regulation Commission of Bulgaria that raises certain issues relevant to the membership application by Spaceline Ltd. Given those issues, the SB recommended that consideration of the Spaceline application be postponed until the SB had investigated those issues with the Communications Regulation Commission of Bulgaria. Consequently, Spaceline will maintain their Observer status until further consideration of their application at the A06 plenary meeting in Hainan.

These mins were prepared on behalf of the HFCC Steering Committee by Dennis Thompson, Member of the Steering Committee (HFCC PLENARY MEETING MINUTES - VALENCIA, SPAIN; 22nd-26th Aug 2005 via Dec NASB Newsletter via dxld & wwdxc Dec 19)

Could Spaceline be the mysterious organization handling secret SW relays in Bulgaria for IRRS, and certain clandestines? Glancing thru Google hits, Spaceline appears to be a satellite teleport, and there is one of the same name in the UK. According to FCC records, it owns a very small share of INTELSAT (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, dxld Dec 19, 2005)

B05 entry  Georgiev  Ventsislav  Spaceline Ltd. Bulgaria
           Todorov   Dimitar     Spaceline Ltd. Bulgaria
(Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 26, 2011, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
And there followed a lot more about this in early 2006y DXLDs (gh)

** CANADA. 9625, once again Jan 20 at 0702, CBCNQ transmitter is still on with open carrier an hour after sign-off. Say, I have an idea: why not apply modulation, such as CBC Overnight? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non?]. 11665, Jan 25 at 2144, checking whether WYFR is really in Arabic today --- yes, but RCI IS clearly audible underneath! Both went off at 2145* after which nothing heard. Since there was a slight SAH, I think these were two separate transmitters rather than an audio mixture in one. But RCI is not scheduled on 11665 at any hour from any site; the only other thing registered at this time is Lisbon, obviously not really using it. Could be any VTC site testing or mistaken with RCI input for some reason (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. DAB dead in Canada, at least for CBC --- Not really news, I suppose, but the CBC has surrendered the licences for their Eureka 147 DAB transmitters. There were two licences in Windsor and four each in Ottawa, Toronto, and Vancouver (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, 21 Jan, WTFDA via DXLD)

There goes my dream of an empty FM band ;-). (So much for the 15-year transition plan calling for abandonment of the AM & FM bands by 2015 (?), hi). I just did a bandscan of the Toronto DAB stations. Here is the latest...

Of the 24 radio & 2 data stations, only 5 radio remain on the air.

   Channel 3 / LC
CFTR-DR-2 = dead air
CHFI-DR-1 = dead air
CHUM-DR-2 = dead air
CHUM-DR-1 = dead air
_CFNY-DR-1_ = still on

   Channel 4 / LD

_CFRB-DR-2_ = still on
_CKFM-DR-1_ = still on
CJCL-DR-2 = dead air
_CJEZ-DR-1_ = still on
_CJRT-DR-1_ = still on

Channel 6 / LF
Channel 8 / LH
Channel 9 / LI
apparently all off the air

these were ...
6 = CBLA-DR-1, CBL-DR-1, CJBC-DR-2, CJBC-DR-1, VX9CUZ data (CBLT), VX9CUZ data (RDI)
8 = CHIN-DR-2, CHIN-DR-1, CJMJ-DR-2, CILQ-DR-1, CJAQ-DR-1
9 = CJYE-DR-2, CJMR-DR-2, CIRV-DR-1, CIAO-DR-2, CFMZ-DR-1

One last DAB note --- From earlier correspondence in June 2008, I see that the only stations I found active then were the CBC group (Channel 6/LF), 4 radio stations. So in fact the current number operating (5) is not the smallest thus far. I believe that Channel 3 & 4's broadcasts have been intermittent over the last few years, thus my earlier reports of their demise. /wrh/ (William R Hepburn (VEM3ONT22) Grimsby ON CAN 43 10 59.4 -79 33 34.5
http://dxinfocentre.com/hepburn/ ibid.)

** CANADA. Whilst we are on 1540 kHz [see USA: KXEL] I notice that CHIN is now 100% relay of CRI which means no local IDs between 7 pm and 6:30 am local time. So Italian has moved to daytime only. 73 (Steve Whitt, UK, Jan 24, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. CNR opened a new separate Uighur-language network (CNR 13) on 20 Aug 2010. The MW frequencies listed are:
720 Kashi [Kasghar], Yining [Gulja], Akesu [Aksu]
855 Atushi [Artux], Pishan, Yutian [Keriya]
945 Shache [Yarkant], Aheqi [Akqi]. Powers not known, but 720 has been heard in Finland (Alan Davies, Mauno Ritola, ARC Information Desk Jan 17 via DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake, 1323, Jan 19. 8400 (fair) // 10300 (fair). Both CNR1 echo jamming and Firedrake (also //) on 6030 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 9380, Jan 22 at 1357, Firedrake with good signal; seems // the weaker FD in the mix on 6030; 9380 went off a few sex before 1400*.

The jammee on 9380 must be Deutsche Welle, in Chinese, 100 kW, 71

degrees via Tajikistan at 13-14, the only thing scheduled here.

There has been FD on 9380 before, in A-10, but I think against something else. Is ChiCom jamming of DW anything new? Check the other frequencies. Their entire Mandarin schedule per WRTH 2011 is:
1300-1330 12010-Singapore
1300-1400 6225-Kazakhstan, 9380-Tajikistan, 11945 & 13735-Sri Lanka
2300-2400 6090-Korea S, 9865-Singapore, 11830-Petropavlovsk, Russia
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 6065, Jan 25 at 1436, motorboating noise, mixing with talk, seems Chinese, also music, very distorted, cuts off but only for a few sex, at 1440:27 during which I could not hear anything else; presumably a monitoring check by Jammer Central in Beijing.

Aoki shows nothing but CNR2 on 6065 at 1200-1605, 150 kW, 220 degrees from Beijing 491 site, China Business Radio; and EiBi shows an English semi-hour from same at 1430. Only HFCC displays what might be target of jamming, BBC via S Korea at 1300-1530, 250 kW, 290 degrees, no language but Mandarin likely.

7295, Jan 25 at 1443, CNR1 echoing, to jam VOA Chinese via Novosibirsk, Russia, 200 kW, 111 degrees. // 7445 which is jamming R. Taiwan International in Chinese.

7255, Jan 23 at 1339 soft rock music, 1340 Russian announcement beginning ``dear friends``, next song in Chinese. Fair signal from CRI, per Aoki, during this hour only, 500 kW, 37 degrees from Shijiazhuang, so also USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11710, Jan 23 at 2318, Chinese talk with het on the low side. Argentina was still on 15345, so not thence, and it`s on the hi side, anyway. Instead, per Aoki, RTI is jammed during Chinese broadcast at 22-24 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 6855-6905, OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, Jan 26 at 1424; at each edge, QRMing 2-way Spanish SSB on 6905, 6855.5. More OTH radar on 6455-6505 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. Re 11-03: ``702 kHz, 1745 20 Dec, CRI via Le Col de la Madonne, Monaco [non = FRANCE], Italian, 1730 [sic] timesignal and French, SIO 444 (Alan Pennington, Caversham, Berkshire, AOR 7030+, longwire, beverage, Sony 7600 GR, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

I assume one of those times is a typo if in sequence, 1645 or 1830 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

1730 is my typo Glenn. Checking log, time signal was at 1800 UT after CRI Italian and before start of CRI French programmes. 73 (Alan Pennington, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 5910-, slightly on low side, goodbye to the peppy music Marfil EstÈreo plays all night, relayed by HJDH. Jan 20 at 0710, no music, but continuous Spanish preaching past 0715. QSL manager Rafael RodrÌguez has announced that 5910 has switched to relaying the AM 1530 outlet of Colombia para Cristo, Radio Alcarav·n, ``que genera su seÒal desde Puerto Lleras con mejor programaciÛn musical propia de los llanos orientales``. Maybe sometime, but not now.

The other HJDH, 6010 remains with La Voz de tu Conciencia, but blocked by RHC Spanish until about 0710, then hearing instead MEXICO, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA [and non]. 5954.25, ELCOR transmitter with Radio Rep˙blica relay audible most nights on measured 5954.25; [tuned in] LSB to escape 5955 and occasional Cuban jamming. Non-stop music 0659 and across the hour 13/1. Spanish talk 0703, at which time pulsing jammer became more obvious (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5936, considerable het on PMS from WWCR 5935 which was not up to full strength, Jan 25 at 0633; is spur from R. Rep˙blica via ELCOR, Gu·piles, on 5954.2v, matched by another carrier but no audio detectable circa 5972, both approx., while wall-of-noise jamming on 5955 itself prevented any RR from being heard on fundamental (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. Re 11-04: 17860, 0858, PHILIPPINES, Radio Croatia via Tinang very strong with pops. At 0900 ident as ëHrvatzki Radioí, time pips (45 seconds late) and news in Croatian. Beamed to Australia. 19/12 (Bryan Clark, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Re 17860 VTC-Babcock provider replaced Tinang-Philippines with Singapore Kranji relay again.
17860 0700-1100 55,56,58-60 SNG  100kW 135degr Croatian SNG HRT VTC

Reason? Maybe IBB is scarce of TX equipment at the Philippines? For example VOA Albanian is broadcast via Botswana site now these days... 11740 VOA 1930-2000 Albanian 100 350 Selebi-Phikwe BOT Ohh my God. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SINGAPORE

** CUBA [and non]. 9153.0, no signal Jan 20 at 0702, unlike 24 hours earlier, cut spy numbers = letters on MCW with super-signal. These

things tend to operate on a weekly rather than daily schedule, so should show again at least on next Wednesday.

5955, Jan 20 at 1241 pulse jamming still going while ELCOR has probably QSYed the R. Rep˙blica 5954.2v transmission to 9965.5, where there is full-bore wall-of-noise jamming.

6030, Jan 20 at 1305, pulse jamming still here long after R. MartÌ closed, and now mixing with Firedrake as usual vs Ming Hui Radio, Taiwan, Commie jamming vs Commie jamming! See also COLOMBIA; VENEZUELA [non]

6190, the RHC leapfrog of 6000 over 6095, weakly audible again Jan 21 at 1228, but from 1230 underneath Korean making it a SAH. That would be NHK at 290 degrees from Yamata.

5745, DCJC noise about equal level with Harold Camping, Jan 22 at 0642. What WYFR gets for time-sharing a frequency with R. MartÌ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Instead of CRI using 9570 at 12 UT [which normally ruins reception of RA on 9580], today CRI is on top of RA on 9580. 9570 is in the clear - so to speak and RA's 9590 is suffering the hash noise that usually infects 9580 - to the point that it is useless here.
Hopefully this is just a Cuban punch up error (Andy Reid, Ont., 1304 UT Jan 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Back to normal by 1230 UT with the regular problems there in (Andy Reid, 1339 UT, ibid.) Times one hour off? Must be: coincidental log:

CHINA (non) - 9580, CRI noted at 1300 on Jan 23rd with "China Drive" just killing Radio Australia. 9570 - via Cuba - was not on so this was probably the result of a mistake by RHC staff (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Shortly after 1400 UT Jan 23, the special ``Alo, Presidente`` Sunday-only frequencies are all on the air, 17750, 15370, 13750 and 11690, but with same RHC programming as on 11730, 11760, 13780, 15120, 15230, 15360.

Next check at 1710, the A,P frequencies are still on and also still Hugazoless, just // RHC programming on all, except 15370 is open carrier, 17750 is undermodulated. 15360 and 13780 are off, 13680 is on but with the weak transmitter. 13750 and 11760 VG, 11730 weaker as usual, 11690 with RTTY QRM on the low side.

11760, RHC Esperanto service reconfirmed this Sunday, Jan 23 at 1517 check.

RHC Sunday-afternoon SNAFUs Jan 23: 15370, at 2230 is starting Esperanto with usual theme song, ``Saluton,`` and schedule on Sundays: 1500 on 11760, 0700 on 6010 [sic], and new to SAm, 2230 on 15370 --- VG signal but lo-fi distorted. 2257 outro giving announcer names including he who was speaking, Mario Ruiz. Audio quality no better at 2301 when 15370 had changed to KriyÚl.

15230, at 2238 good open carrier, over Radio Australia music which was // 15560. At 2255, RHC is now modulating distortedly, atop RA, as ``Cuba Campesina`` starts; love that music! But only on a decently modulated frequency, such as 11770 to Europe until 24. At 2304, 15230 has switched to Portuguese, still distorted.

12040, yet another distorted frequency, bad modulation especially for music, now playing ``Guantanamera`` during ``Cuba Campesina``, which must have been cut off after only 5 minutes on 15230.

11730, at 2309, also OC on frequency which had been used by RHC all day. And still at 2317.

11770, ``En Contacto``, the DX program this week ran from 2241 to 2255, starting with a number of birthday greetings; rest of show devoted to an interview with Orlando Castellanos on the thirteenth anniversary of his death; was a founder of RHC, and started the ``Formalmente Informal`` show which still survives (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 7210-LSB, Jan 20 at 1245, Nelson, N1NR, Bushkill PA is on this early ranting in Spanish about Venezuela, petroleum, Cuba, el ALBA, etc., and a contactee also audible.

7210-LSB, N1NR who sounds like a clandestine broadcaster, saying in Spanish that as of March 1, 1.3 megaCubans will be ``on the streets``, losing their formerly state-provided jobs, and crime will likely increase (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. RADIO MARTÕ HOSTS ON AIR SWAP
Friday, 21 January, 2011

ìEl Revoltilloî (ìThe Scrambleî), a groundbreaking new program on Radio MartÌ, brings online classifieds to the airways [sic], bridging the information gap in Cuba. This daily interactive broadcast connects buyers and sellers looking to make an exchange via cash, goods or services, a free market practice that is often curtailed by the Cuban government.

ìEl Revoltillo marks another way that Radio and TV MartÌ provide

access to information otherwise unavailable to the Cuban people,î said Carlos GarcÌa-Perez, director of Radio and TV MartÌ. ìWe heard from our research focus groups with recent Cuban immigrants about the increasing popularity of a Craigslist-like Cuban website and responded by creating this on air barter program.î

Given that access to the Internet in Cuba is highly restricted, show co-hosts Karen Caballero and Alfredo Jacomino read online classifieds and audience e-mails, and open the phone lines to Cuban listeners who have something to buy, sell, rent or trade. "El Revoltillo" provides Radio MartÌís audience with a unique opportunity to connect to a growing network of small businesses and entrepreneurs.

ìEl Revoltilloî airs daily from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Radio MartÌís AM and shortwave frequencies, and is available online at http://www.Martinoticias.com

The Office of Cuba Broadcasting, which is funded by the U.S. government through the Broadcasting Board of Governors, was established in 1990 to oversee the operations of Radio and TV MartÌ, which broadcast news and information to the people of Cuba (BBG press release Jan 21 via Clara Listensprechen, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

1530-1600 UT when the SW frequencies are: 11930, 13820, 15330. Does this show on the RM program grid displaying current dates at http://www.martinoticias.com/RDprogramacion.aspx
Of course not! Still marked as EDT and GMT pm, 1430 daily = Periodismo.com, 1530 daily = Revista Informativa Derechos Humanos. And still displays Major League Baseball on Friday evenings; sure (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2 Comments on ìRadio MartÌ hosts on air swapî

1. #1 SRG on Jan 21st, 2011 at 17:20
I guess many Cubans are so desperate to get rid of their junk that they are willing to risk their freedom by calling a subversive US radio station. So much for a repressive dictatorship in Havana! My only question: wouldnít the prohibitive cost of a phone call to Florida affect those brave tradersí bottom line?!

2. #2 Connor Walsh on Jan 21st, 2011 at 22:12
Capitalism to the rescue! I have to say I tend to agree, asking people to put their contact details out on a jammed radio station is not being terribly responsible towards them. Perhaps theyíll have a number to call and a number to quote for each item, but at some point they still need to give listenersí whereabouts and identity to another unknown person. Iíd love to hear if they have thought of some (amazing) way around this (Media Network blog comments via DXLD)

Jan 21 press release from BBG, via Clara Listensprechen, about a ``groundbreaking new program`` on R. MartÌ, ``El Revoltillo``, i.e. classified ads, tradio for DentroCubans, daily at 1530-1600 UT. WTFK? Of course not mentioned, but we know them well, as do the DentroCuban Jamming Command: 15330, 13820, 11930.

Does this show on the RM program grid displaying current dates at http://www.martinoticias.com/RDprogramacion.aspx
As of Jan 21, of course not, instead Periodismo.com! But by Jan 25 Revoltillo does show during this semihour, M-F only, NOT daily. Still marked as EDT and consequently wrong GMT conversion as pm, ``14:30``, with Periodismo.com remaining on weekends. And still displays Major League Baseball on Friday evenings! Sure. So they update part of the schedule, but not all of it.

I check this out Jan 25 at 1541 when 15330 is well atop the jamming. W&M anchors seem to be having a good time, joking around, but plenty of participation, with phone numbers, and/or e-mail addresses, mostly yahoo.es or gmail from anonymous people risking everything to engage in private capitalism!

One was selling Rosetta Stone language courses; at 1548 someone advertises that he will make home repairs of microwaves, with 6-month guarantee. I assume this is about ovens rather than satellite receivers. 1556, Ruben wants to rent a car in good condition for at least a month. Congrats to RM which has come up with an excellent new way to undermine The System. This also proves RM does have listeners in Cuba, unless of course everything is made up, which would quickly backfire. PR translates the name as ``Scramble`` but it could also connote ``A little revolt`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CONCURSO LITERARIO JOS… MARTÕ

Con el propÛsito de auspiciar la creaciÛn literaria dentro de Cuba, asÌ como de divulgar a nivel internacional el talento literario cubano, y con el ·nimo de rendir homenaje a nuestro HÈroe Nacional en el 110 aniversario de su caÌda en combate, la ComisiÛn Cultural de Concilio Cubano convoca a la primera ediciÛn del concurso de poesÌa y cuento JosÈ MartÌ, ateniÈndose a las siguientes bases: . . . Fuente: http://www.martinoticias.com/FullStory.aspx?ID=EDA79760-47DE-4A7E-97BBBEAD157645DD
(via Dino Bloise, FL, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CZECHIA. R Prague Mailbox: end of SW
Original, with audio links, at:
http://www.radio.cz/en/section/mailbox/mailbox-2011-01-23

Mailbox  23-01-2011 01:01 | Pavla Horakova

Today in Mailbox: As Radio Prague's last day on shortwave approaches we'll hear from the head of Radio Prague Miroslav Krupicka about the station's immediate and long-term prospects.

Hello and welcome to Radio Prague's weekly Mailbox - the last but one that you can hear on shortwave. As our regular audience knows, Radio Prague's shortwave frequencies are falling silent on February 1st. And as the date approaches we'll hear from the head of Radio Prague Miroslav Krupicka about the station's immediate and long-term prospects.

Hello Mirek and welcome to the studio - so tell us what exactly will change as of February 1st?

"Well, first I'd like to say that we've had very nice feedback from listeners which I appreciate very much. Of course, some listeners have been supporting us, some have been criticising us. Some have been complaining about the end of shortwave. Anyway, I'd like to thank all listeners for their support. It's very nice to feel that we've got an active audience.

"Well, it was a decision - I mean to close down shortwave - that we were forced to make. The lack of funding is the main reason. I think it's quite clear and we have somehow to cope with it. We have to face the new situation and make the best of the new situation. But I'd like to assure everybody that this is not the end of Radio Prague. We will carry on.

"Now, what happens on the first of February? Really nothing much except for the shortwave. Shortwave will be closed down, the shortwave transmitter in Litomysl will remain silent as of the 1st of February and all the other platforms that we have been on will go on. We'll stay on the internet - that will be the main platform for broadcasting both live and on-demand, we'll stay on satellite, on Astra 3A and all the World Radio Network channels.

We'll be carried by re-broadcasters - unfortunately in English we don't have any re-broadcasting partner stations but we've got them in various other languages, such as Russian, for instance, or Spanish. English stays on FM in Prague. For years, we have been on FM in Prague, 92.6 on the regional broadcast of Czech Radio. This is Monday to Friday and this goes on as usual. And we are looking into the possibilities of being present on mobile platforms. I think that's quite nice because the world goes mobile these days."

Will there be any changes to the length and structure of the

programmes?

"Not exactly. There will be some small changes. The structure - the content of the thirty-minute broadcasts will remain basically as it is: news, packages, small interviews and features. There will be a little music at the end of each programme, at the end of each thirty-minute broadcast and there will be music on Sunday. We wanted to make the programme cheap and we'll play music - Czech music on Sundays. Those are the main changes." [since there will be no SW frequency schedules to announce as they have been doing for 2 or 3 minutes, concerning the NEXT language, not the one just aired; as often heard nonsensically on the WRMI relays --- gh]

Will Radio Prague continue to broadcast in six languages?

"Yes, we are staying on the six languages that people are used to."

A listener from the US enquired about the possibility of utilizing the longwave transmitter at Topolna covering a large part of Europe for Radio Prague's foreign language programs part of the day. Is anything like that being considered?

"Yes, I've been discussing this option with my colleagues within Czech Radio. It's quite tough because currently, the longwave is allocated to domestic broadcasts, one of the domestic stations of Czech Radio broadcasts on longwave. But we've been discussing this anyway. But overall, longwave is being considered for closure as well, for budgetary reasons, for financial reasons, because to maintain longwave and well as shortwave is quite expensive and Czech Radio cannot afford that. So probably the days of longwave broadcasting are numbered within Czech Radio as well. So there is no long term prospect for Radio Prague being on longwave."

What are the long term prospects for Radio Prague as such?

"Well, this is very hard to predict. Everybody knows that we are in a shaky, unstable situation. Not only Radio Prague - it applies to many other companies that depend on state money. But my personal feeling is that we will survive this turmoil and we'll carry on and we'll be here in one year's time."

Mirek, thank you very much for coming into the studio.

"You're welcome."

That was Radio Prague's director Miroslav Krupicka.

Just a reminder that the new broadcast schedule will be available both

on our website and in the form of leaflets. Also, Radio Prague will be accepting your reception reports even after February 1st and sending out QSL cards. On the final day of our shortwave transmission, we will mark the QSL card with a special rubber stamp. That is all for today's edition of Mailbox. But before I go let me just repeat our quiz question.

Our January mystery man was born in 1875 in Prague and died in 1926 in the Swiss city of Montreux. He is considered to be one of the most important German-language poets.

Please send us his name by the end of January to English @ radio.cz or Radio Prague, 12099 Prague, the Czech Republic. Until next week, take care (via Mike Cooper, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

After January 31, World Radio Network Russkij will continue to rebroadcast Radio Prague's Russian programs on AM frequency 738 kHz (Moscow, 5 kW) at 0100, 0500, 0700 and 1230 UC. This information was given in one of their latest "mailbags". Btw, Russian programs of Radio Slovakia International are still on the air via the same AM outlet at 0130 and 1430 UTC. P.S. Complete WRN Russkij schedule (738 kHz) can be downloaded from here http://wrn.org/listeners/assets/PDFs/WRN_Russkij_-_Winter_2010-11.pdf (Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jeff, Has R. Prague taken for granted WRMI again, overlooked it, or is the deal definitely off and you will not be relaying them, or letting them go on, if happen to be on WRN when you take it? (Glenn to Jeff White, WRMI, via DXLD)

Glenn: All I can say is that we are still in touch with RP management, but no decision has been made. It will likely be a last-minute deal like with Slovakia, or maybe even after Jan. 31. If so, we'll maintain the current schedule until something is decided (Jeff White, WRMI Radio Miami International, 175 Fontainebleau Blvd., Suite 1N4, Miami, Florida 33172 USA; Tel +1-305-559-WRMI (9764), Fax +1-305-559-8186 E-mail: radiomiami9@cs.com http://www.wrmi.net
WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3 Comments on ìRadio Prague will broadcast Czech music on Sundaysî

1. #1 Keith Perron on Jan 24th, 2011 at 17:32
ìWe wanted to make the programme cheapî is something you donít hear often from international broadcasters. If RP had any PR people I think they would have made sure the word ìcheapî was not used.

2. #2 Ben Fallon on Jan 24th, 2011 at 18:22

Why waste time or money on program production? Once they are off shortwave, they will lose much of their audience anyway, and they probably know it.

3. #3 Keith Perron on Jan 25th, 2011 at 02:44
I think the question should be who was listening. In 10 years in South East Asia and having traveled often to the Pacific I never once picked them up, even on trips to Africa never could receive them (Media Network blog comments via DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA. 4319-USB, BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY. AFRTS (Diego Garcia, Chagos), 2258-2303, 1/17/2011, English. Talk by man. NPR news at 2300. Weak but readable signal with little fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025, Radio Amanecer (Santo Domingo), 2338-2349, 1/23/2011, Spanish. Slow religious-sounding vocal music. Occasional short announcements by a man and a woman. Good signal, improving over time, on a busy, noisy band (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, Random Wire, ALA100M Loops, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. HI0. Members of the Radio Club Dominicano Inc. invite you to celebrate the "Month of the Patria" beginning 0000z on January 26th, and ending at 2359z on February 27th, by working their special event station HI0RCD. Activity is to commemorate the birthday of their father of the Patria, Juan Pablo Duarte, and to celebrate their 167th anniversary of independence.

A special QSL card will be sent to all the stations that have a contact with their 9 different circuit affiliate stations. QSL via Bureau. Activity will be on 160/80/40/20/17/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Look also for HI0RCD to be active on the AO-51 Satellite. For more details, see QRZ.com or visit Luis's, HI8LAM, Blog page at: http://www.hi8lam.blogspot.com (Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 995, January 24, 2011, Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio), via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 3279.93, La Voz del Napo, 1020, would think this is the one, threshold, with Spanish man. Only partial copy in USB, to escape heavy splatter from Radio Southern Highlands (PNG) on 3275. 20 Jan. (David Sharp, NSW Australia)

3810 LSB, HD2IOA, Guayaquil, 1015, fair with continuous H:M:S time checks by a man. 20 Jan (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3810-LSB, HD2IOA (Guayaquil), 0444, 1/17/2011, Spanish.  Time station with beep and announcement by man at 10 second intervals.  Good signal, not plagued with usual heavy ARO interference (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

3810-LSB, Jan 25 at 0648, HD2IOA with Spanish timesignals every ten sex, and for once the QRhaM is ACI, not CCI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 4815.0, RADIO EL BUEN PASTOR, Saraguro, 0110-0130 ene 21. Mensajes del centro cristiano El abrazo del padre, Cruz Roja ecuatoriana. "...lo m·s reciente en noticias, deportes, entretenimeinto, m˙sica, entrevistas y m·s, mucho m·s; este 2011 seguimos contigo Radio El Buen Pastor 92.9 FM...." Luego programa Revista Deportiva. Escuchas realizadas en el municipio de Fomeque, con un Sony ICF 2010 y antena dipolo de 10 metros. Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Jan 24, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, Pichincha, *0825-0833, 16-01, m˙sica de sintonÌa, flautas, himno, locutora, quechua, "HCJB, Quito, 690 AM, onda corta 6050", comentarios. Interferencia de Radio Habana Cuba. 32322 (Manuel MÈndez, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 6270, Jan 21 at 2212 open carrier, no doubt R. Cairo; 2214 timesignal audible, and then a trace of talk, i.e. the usual off-time pips introducing news circa the quarter-hour. At least we can imagine what they are broadcasting from long experience (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Radio Bata, 5005 kHz at 2245 UT with lively music to National Anthem at 2256. Very Good Jan 22/11 (Mick Delmage, DXing near Lamont, Alberta, Canada as the Moman anenna farm, Perseus and new laptop, mostly 4-30 MHz log with some issues.  We can not get it fixed to a certain area, sort of goes with wind, DX LISTENIG DIGEST)

5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 1952-2205, 22-01, African songs, at 2100 news, Spanish, male and female, "por una Guinea mejor, Partido Democr·tico de Guinea Ecuatorial", "Buen fin de semana, Radio Nacioal de Guinea Ecuatorial". 34433.

6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, *0600-0710, 23-01, male, female, Spanish, "Las autoridades sanitarias advierten, fumar perjudica la salud, fumar provoca una muerte lente", "InformaciÛn, cultura, deporte, debate, desde Radio Malabo", "Radio Nacional de Guinea Ecuatorial, buenos dÌas, feliz domingo, son las 6 de la maÒana y 4 minutos, noticias". In parallel with 5005. 24222. (Manuel MÈndez,

Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. 15190, I still have not heard R. Africa lately in the 21-23 UT period, but Jan 20 at 1408 a weak carrier is cutting off and on (or bumping power up and down, maybe not completely off; or is that a co-channel carrier I still hear? Possibly ZYE622 [sic: see below]). Some intermittent modulation too; at 1507 a YL preacher, still cutting off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Africa was RS55 with deep QSB on 15190 from 1545 to 1630 with religious programming (Billy Graham's Hour of Decision, etc.) At 1626 an OM announced as "You are listening to Radio Africa." Gave an Accra, Ghana mailing address (Phil Finkle, K6EID, Marietta GA, Jan 20, KT-34XA yagi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Jan 21 at 1551, very poor with M preacher in English, no doubt R. Africa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn Hauser has noted recently this one either missing or conflicting with R·dio InconfidÍncia but noted today in the clear at 1617. 15190, Radio Africa at 1617 on Jan 21 with a man preaching from the Book of Job with a fair to good signal but telephone line-like audio (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA & NASWA ygs via DXLD)

15190, poor signal Jan 21 at 2156, ``Tony Al·mo`` audio cutting in and out as carrier also drops down and up. But some carrier always remains, presumably R. InconfidÍncia, whose call ZYE522 is typoed in the WRTH 2011 as ZYE622.

Alamo is serving 175 years in Terre Haute federal prison for child sexual abuse, transporting girls across state lines for sex, but R. Africa tries its best to keep this monster on the air. From *2157, huge carrier from WHRI 15180 becomes a problem, apparently active Fridays only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Africa, 1653-1710, 22-01, English, religious comments. Interference from Radio InconfidÍncia. 42443 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, convicted child molesting evangelist Tony Alamo is still there on R. Africa with his familiar low-key rambling, Jan 23 at 2235, poor fluttery signal and mixed with music underneath from presumed ZYE522. See BRAZIL

15190, Jan 24 at 2225, S9+15 with ``Tony Alamo`` talking about being damned; the child-``marrying`` and convicted evangelist should know about that from his federal prison cell. With continuing crackles, and transmitter strength drop-downs every few sex, but not totally dropping off the air. No ZYE522 audible to mix this time. R. Africa transmitter is really ailing.

15190, Jan 26 at 2039, wildly screaming preacher in Afro-English must be ruining her voice, and a sure candidate for the insanity defense; R. Africa, anyway without any powerdrops at the moment to strong, steady signal. Made her neighbor Harold Camping in Ascension on 15195 seem positively attractive, a great shining oasis of placidity --- but with a terrible message (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 4770, VOBME, Asmara, NF fair with talk & occasional music 1746 9/1, // 7175 vgd, 7185 good, 7165 fair, 7120 fair (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

News in Vernacular (Tigre?) at 1500 UT heard on 4770 \\ 5980 \\ 7120 \\ 7165 \\ 7175 \\ 7185 kHz on Jan 11. On Jan 12 at 1845 UT Eritrea was not on the air on above frequencies! (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jan 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

Hi! Observations made Jan. 14th-20th at around 0400 UT:

V of Broad Masses of Eritrea 1st programme on 5060 kHz // 7205 kHz with ID which sounded like "Era trinderim Eritreasa" and announce of 3 frequencies in kHz and one frequency in MHz.

V of Broad Masses of Eritrea 2nd programme on 4770 kHz // 7175 kHz.

The 7 MHz frequencies signed on at 0400 UT; the tropical band frequencies were on air with regular programme before 0400 (I tuned in at around 0350). 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, Jan 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Logs 20.1, Ramsau Steiermark holiday:
4770 kHz VoBME 2 um 0405 UTC in Vn mit Nx \\ 7175 kHz. 23332.
5060 kHz VoBME 1 um 0400 UTC in Vn mit ID und Nx \\ 7205 kHz. 24332.
(Patrick Robic, Austria, A-DX via BC-DX Jan 23 via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromiya (Addis Ababa), 0432-0445, 1/24/2011, Oromo. Talk by man with occasional quick announcement by second man and a few bars of HOA music. Poor to moderate signal with minor fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, E1, ICF-SW7600G,

G6, Random Wire, ALA100M Loops, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. Radio Ethiopia is again on 9705 kHz and was heard 1200-1300 UT with a program in English (till 1230 UT covered by China) with news in English from 1230 UT on Jan 13th (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jan 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

9705, Jan 20 at 1512, fair with HOA music; also 9560 has usual het, from R. Ethiopia transmitters, longpath (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. [Re AUSTRALIA] Yes, remote receivers are useful. If you hear a suspected Dutch pirate on 48 metres, you may try a Dutch-based remote receiver to see if identification is possible.

There was once a Madrid-based pirate working on 60 metres pretending to be a Venezuelan. However, the station faded in earlier than the real Venezuelans did. Also it was active during the weekend only. Trying to solve the problem with Dario Monferini, we noticed that fade in times were about the same in Milan as in Marbella where I was for a couple of days. The following step was to phone a DX-er in Valladolid, where the signal was reported as fair-to-good. I suggested the station could be based in central Spain. The DX-er I spoke to became very upset. How could I pretend that this "Venezuelan" was a fake originating in Spain?

By checking "activity reports" in Play DX, I was finally ready to pinpoint the origin of this pirate, who at the end of the day QSL'd very nicely. That was in at the end of 1990 and early 1991. The name of the station? "La Voz de las CaÒas". Frequency? 5070 (Henrik Klemetz via NORDX via SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

** GAMBIA. Re 11-03: A few years ago I sailed past the hulk of The MV Cheetah on the Banjul River, although some tour guides don't identify the right one - hope the one I took loads of photos of is! (Mike Terry, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Just search for Radio Syd, Banjul, in Google earth and you will find it. Not much to see due to poor resolution. 73s (Bernt-Ivan Holmberg, Sala, Sweden, ibid.)

Google Maps has a location marker at:
<http://maps.google.de/maps/place?cid=2706920878971225304&q=Radio+Syd+Banjul+Gambia&gl=de>

Probably looks like this location ...
13 27 48.63 N 16 35 29.92 W
vy73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** GERMANY [non]. 11875, Jan 23 at 2314 poor signal in German with music, clip of ``Una Furtiva Lagrima``, seems a bit distorted. It`s DW via RWANDA, 250 kW, 85 degrees to Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia and PNG at 22-24 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Tighter focus, cuts, ordered at Deutsche Welle

Chancellor Angela Merkelís cabinet yesterday ordered Deutsche Welle to tighten its focus and to cut back its programming for Germans living abroad. Deutsche Welle, which is funded by the German taxpayer and broadcasts in some 30 languages, is to pare back its shortwave and mediumwave radio transmissions - once the backbone of the service - and concentrate on FM broadcasts in selected countries.

Deutsche Welle, which receives 273 million euros ($368.4 million) in annual funding, also has television broadcasts and webcasts. The new instructions were based on a 400-page report by Deutsche Welle on how it plans to change.

The internet, which allows Germans all over the world to catch up with news from German websites, has reduced the need for Deutsche Welle to address German expatriates. Regular German TV channels are also accessible by satellite far from home. In future Deutsche Welle, which has a workforce of 1,500, is to focus on its audience of non-Germans and pay greater attention to German foreign policy interests, according to the cabinet resolution. Up to 2013, it will also gradually focus on key audiences in Asia, Africa, Arab nations and Latin America. Shortwave radio transmissions will be mostly dropped, and will only continue to a few regions, an announcement said.

(Source: DPA via monstersandcritics.com) (January 20th, 2011 - 10:33 UT by Andy Sennitt, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

6 Comments on ìTighter focus, cuts, ordered at Deutsche Welleî

1. #1 Mark on Jan 20th, 2011 at 20:43
Together with this earlier piece of information:
http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/deutsche-welle-facing-far-reaching-reform

What I am getting from both news is that Deutsche Welle had anticipated cuts in their report, and now the government cuts their budget based on that report.

In their paper, the cabinet argues that Germans living abroad can access DW via satellite or Internet, which is why radio transmissions should be cut back. They also argue that DW-TV should stop broadcasting in German within Europe, where ARD and ZDF can be viewed.

But letís face it: Germans living abroad have countless other options to keep up to date with news from home Ö via the Internet. When they donít have access to the Internet, there is virtually nothing besides DW radio. Considering this, I do not really get the reasoning why it is a good idea to cut the radio broadcasts where DW has no competition.

2. #2 Jonathan Marks on Jan 20th, 2011 at 21:21
Maybe it`s a question of cost per listener? How many Germans live and work in areas without even some form of web/mobile access? Probably not that many - and those that do can understand other languages, or are served with a satellite TV signal from DW TV.

4. #4 Mark on Jan 21st, 2011 at 10:36
I just heard on Deutschlandradio Kultur that DW radio will reduce their German language output to one hour of program per day, starting next month.

6. #6 Kai Ludwig on Jan 21st, 2011 at 12:12
I have no access to the original DPA newswire right now, but I would be surprised if it was really as bad as this English report. It already starts with the detail that it is a statement with suggestions, not a flat order. One could argue that DW executives would threat the paper as such, but there is no chain of command in this regard.

DW has already abandoned Germans living abroad as target audience. The statement says that ìcultivating and supporting the German language should for DW still be a matter of courseî, which rather is an objection against DWís plans to consider English as its primary language instead. The statement further says that ìlinear radio and TV broadcasting is no longer a suitable approach for this goal everywhere, especially in Europeî.

And the statement adds this: ìNot localized offerings in English language on classical distribution platforms should be questioned, too. The evaluation report shows that in many cases, as an example North America, the audience figures appear to be very low.î

There are more interesting nuances, but it would be too time-consuming to delve into these details. Just two more key points:

ìIt can be said already by now that in developed markets shortwave and also mediumwave have become insignificant. However, radio as such remains popular, thus it appears to be a promising concept to use local FM rebroadcasters.î

ìIt can be gathered from DWís paper that it expects a shortage of money already if the budget would remain unchanged until 2013. But this is not a scenario on which plannings can be founded, since it is not possible to completely exclude DW from the necessary consolidation. Thus there is an urgent need for modifying the distribution strategy. It is impossible to do without a stronger concentration on the core tasks.î

In plain text: The DW documents explain how much more money they need for carrying out the plans outlined therein, and the statement from the government now just says ìforget it, expect a shrinking budget insteadî. [WORLD OF RADIO 1549]

Translations rough, not verbatim. Original release with the full statement attached as PDF file:
http://www.bundesregierung.de/nn_1264/Content/DE/Pressemitteilungen/BPA/2011/01/2011-01-19-bkm-deutsche-welle.html
(Media Network blog comments via DXLD)

** GERMANY. ALEMANIA: LA TELEVISORA DEUTSCHE WELLE SER¡ MENOS ALEMANA
BerlÌn, DPA MEDIOS |  11:57 -  MI…RCOLES 19/01/2011

La emisora de radiotelevisiÛn alemana para el exterior Deutsche Welle adoptar· un perfil internacional m·s marcado para atender mejor los intereses de polÌtica exterior de Alemania, seÒala una resoluciÛn aprobada hoy por el gobierno de Angela Merkel.

En contrapartida deber·n ser reducidos los contenidos en lengua alemana, en vista de que los alemanes residentes en el extranjero tienen acceso a travÈs de Internet y satÈlite a casi todos los medios alemanes.

En un informe de 400 p·ginas, el gobierno propone asimismo que la emisora dirija su mirada m·s hacia ciertas regiones del mundo. Hasta 2013, el acento ser· puesto en AmÈrica Latina, Asia, ¡frica y los Estados ·rabes.

Los cambios implicar·n tambiÈn recortes presupuestarios, que ser·n subsanados a travÈs de la cooperaciÛn con las cadenas p˙blicas de televisiÛn ARD y ZDF y la emisora radial Deutschlandradio, explicÛ el subsecretario alem·n de Cultura, Bernd Neumann.

LaDeutsche Welle emite programas de televisiÛn en alem·n, inglÈs, espaÒol y ·rabe y de radio en 28 idiomas, adem·s contar con una presencia en Internet en 30 lenguas. Tiene una plantilla de cerca de 1.500 empleados en los centros de transmisiÛn de Bonn y BerlÌn y es financiada con 273 millones de euros (368 millones de dÛlares) al aÒo provenientes de las arcas p˙blicas.  FUENTE: http://bit.ly/hixAHt

(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

** GREECE. Radiofonikos Makedonia Programma Vastya noted on 7450 in Greek from 2132 to 2252 UT sign off Jan 19. All musical program with popular as well as Greek music. Many station announcements. Closing announcements by woman at 2151, then National anthem, then a bit of Greek popular music for a minute or so until transmitter leaves the air (must have been part of another program). Great signals, R5, S9 +25-30 db). (Phil Finkle, K6EID, Marietta GA, Rx ñ Yaesu FTDX-5000D with 2 el yagi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 5765 - USB, AFN, Jan 22. Another day off the air (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5765 - USB, AFN, 1343, Jan 23. Back again after two days off the air; C&W music format (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5765-USB, Jan 23 at 1335, talk detectable under my local DTV cable converter jammer; AFN had apparently been missing for a day or two.

5765-USB, Jan 25 at 1431, AFN very poor with music, 1432 W&M DJs discussing bears and packers, about exotic meat processing? ``This is country`` and back to music. Continues to be absent some days, and we hope on occasion reverting to news/talk format.

5765-USB, Jan 26 at 1436 and 1458 poor with country music from AFN; another day on the air rather than off, but who needs this format, literally, in SSB on low-power SW? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 11620, Jan 20 at 1435 Asian language, certainly not AIR GOS in English as on 9690, only this. Must be KTWR, Korean at 1345-1500 (Sun -1430, Sat -1445) per HFCC.

9345, Jan 20 at 1510 just as I tune in a VG carrier with tone cuts off; 1511 now I can hear some weak rockish music, YL in Chinese. Scheduled as KTWR at 15-16 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4052 [sic], Radio Verdad. Tuned in 0449 UT to one instrumental hymn after another with no comments or station ID. Moved right through TOH with no ID. At 0506 a male provided station ID in English but his mike was so undermodulated that you could hardly understand him. This was followed by hymns being sung in English. "Jesus Loves Me", "Walls of Jericho", etc., one right after the other. Booming signal S7-S9 until 0515 or so when it dropped to S5 to S7 over noise. Best I ever heard this station here in NW, FL (Rob Kivell, UT

Jan 19, NASWA yg via DXLD)

4052.5-, R. Verdad still audible at 1220 UT Jan 20 with hymn, slightly unstable S9+12 carrier, English talk about a saviour.

4052.5-, R. Verdad, Jan 21 at 0559 seems unSpanish; IDs, contact info in several languages, including, I think, Italian and Japanese. 0603 a bit of Hammond organ music, final announcement definitely in English, ``good night``, then national anthem until 0608, and carrier stays on a while longer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Meanwhile in Mangawhai ---

4052.46, Radio Verdad likely the carrier here 21/1, followed till transmitter off at 0609:30. Hope the transmitter remains healthy till our autumn (March/April) when reception will be more favourable for a positive ID (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4052.46, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula. 1209 January 22, 2011. Good in passing with Spanish male preacher (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4052.46, 0550 R Verdad seems to be here always when checked but still rather poor, maybe transmitting still with low power? (Tarmo Kontro. Espoo, Finland, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD) Believe so (gh)

4052.5, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0545-0605*, 23-01, religious songs and comments in English, male, anthem and close down at 0605. Very weak, only audible in LSB. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 4899.997, 19.1 2305, Familia Radio, French talk and native music. 2-3 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

No sign of Conakry on 7125 or anywhere for many months now (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

** GUYANA. 3290, Voice of Guyana, 0705, Jan 20. Man and woman with BBC news, mid-news ìBBC World Serviceî ID. Very poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, GBC, 0958, presumed, mostly weak carrier with occasional comments by a man, breaking through. Into presumed news, or similar, after 1000. Thought I heard a reference to "Georgetown", but again, very weak. All alone with Radio Central (PNG) off the air. 20 Jan (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. The two missionary stations are usually audible on 90m before sunrise: 3250, Jan 20 at 1228 Spanish message to a seÒor with musical background, from HRPC; 3340, Jan 20 at 1230, weak music from R. Misiones Internacional, HRMI.

3340, Jan 23 at 0623, just barely modulated music, must be HRMI; a bit of running-water ute QRM hits briefly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3340, Radio Misiones Intl (HRMI) (Comayag¸ela) (presumed), 0532-0540, 1/22/2011, Spanish.  Slow contemporary religious music. No announcements heard. Very weak signal with fading, barely above the noise (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, Random Wire, ALA100M Loops, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. EMISORA DEJA DE TRANSMITIR POR AMENAZAS
MiÈrcoles, 19 de Enero de 2011 08:15
http://www.cronicaviva.com.pe/index.php/prensa/27-prensa/11408-honduras-emisora-deja-de-transmitir-por-amenazas

El 14 de enero de 2011, en el departamento de Atlantis, Honduras, la emisora Radio Faluma Bimetu --- Radio Coco Dulce en espaÒol, de Propiedad de la comunidad hondureÒa de origen africano (garÌfuna) en Triunfo de la Cruz, decidiÛ abandonar temporalmente sus actividades ante las amenazas de las autoridades locales y de las fuerzas del orden, con incendiarla nuevamente.

El 12 de enero, una delegaciÛn del municipio de Tela acompaÒado por policÌas, llegÛ a la comunidad para imponerle un nuevo patronato, desconociendo que la comunidad de Triunfo de la Cruz ha convocado a elecciones para el prÛximo 28 de enero para elegir a su patronato. Ante la negativa de las comunidades de aceptar dicho procedimiento, los visitantes amenazaron con quemar la radio.

Amenaza que recuerda el incendio provocado por manos criminales que destruyÛ por completo la emisora el pasado 6 de enero de 2010 y que gracias a la ayuda de la AsociaciÛn Mundial de Radios Comunitarias (Amarc) e International Media Support (IMS), asÌ como Reporteros sin Fronteras, lograron reconstruirla.

La comunidad garÌfuna se opone a unos proyectos inmobiliarios en la

zona atl·ntica y lo manifiesta a travÈs de sus pequeÒos medios de comunicaciÛn. Por ello, la persecuciÛn contra Radio Faluma Bimetu desde el golpe de Estado del 28 de junio de 2009. Alfredo LÛpez, uno de sus principales locutores, fue secuestrado por el ejÈrcito y la policÌa el 12 de agosto de 2009.

En La Esperanza, en Tegucigalpa, el 5 de enero de 2011, dos individuos vestidos con el uniforme de tÈcnicos del Servicio de MediciÛn ElÈctrico de Honduras, irrumpieron en el Consejo CÌvico de Organizaciones Populares e IndÌgenas, luego de amenazar a los presentes, cortaron la luz del local. Las radios comunitarias Guarajambala y La Voz Lenca dejaron de transmitir. TambiÈn, en Zacate Grande, la radio comunitaria del mismo nombre y la comunidad que le permite existir, es constantemente hostigada como consecuencia del conflicto que mantiene la comunidad con el magnate de la agroindustria, Miguel FacussÈ Barjum.

``La lucha contra la impunidad pasa no sÛlo por el esclarecimiento de los diez asesinatos de periodistas cometidos en 2010, tal como declarÛ hace poco el gobierno, mientras tardan en darse los resultados de las investigaciones, tambiÈn es para proteger a los medios de comunicaciÛn minoritarios y a sus representantes y, en particular a las vÌctimas de represalias relacionadas con el golpe de Estado. Por lo que las frecuencias de las radios comunitarias atacadas deben restablecer sin m·s demora``, declarÛ Reporteros sin Fronteras (CrÛnica Viva, Per˙ via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Chennai, 4920 kHz at 1530 UT with News at Nine in English. Very Good Jan 23/11.

AIR Lucknow, 4880 at 1548 UT in LL [unknown language]. Poor Jan 23/11

AIR Mumbai, 4840 at 1548 UT with local music. Poor Jan 23/11 (Mick Delmage, DXing near Lamont, Alberta, Canada as the Moman antenna farm, Perseus and new laptop, mostly 4-30 MHz log with some issues. We cannot get it fixed to a certain area, sort of goes with wind, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4880.00, AIR-Lucknow: Found here in language by M voice also extremely strong at 0114. Male voice to 0130. TS, then F voice with news in language to 0135. M anmts, possible music, but faded by 0136.

4860.00, AIR(?), strong carrier with extremely weak and distorted audio here at 0126. Not found // others. Just male voice heard between 0126 and 0144 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, UT Jan 22, IC-756ProIII + 40-meter yagi and antenna tuner, NASWA yg via DXLD) See also KASHMIR, SIKKIM

5040, AIR Jeypore, 1443, Jan 18. Live cricket coverage in English and Hindi; nice to hear Jeypore again, as they have been broadcasting very erratically recently; // 4810, 4880, 4910 and 5010 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Guwahati is noted again on 7429 at 0130 in Nepali (instead of normal 7420). 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad 500082, India, Jan 19, dx_india yg via DXLD

** INDIA. 9870, instead of predominant Indian popular music on the AIR Vividh Bharati Service, Sat Jan 22 at 1416, there is a talk in Hindi frequently mentioning English terms ``mobile service provider``, ``mobile number portability``, ``prepaid``, all of which are presumably impossible to express in pure Hindi. I just wonder how they write English in the script, transliterated to Hindi letters or not? At first assumed to be a commercial, but same topic still going at 1419. After 1430 a drama (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Special broadcasts by AIR for Republic Day 2011

All India Radio will broadcast following special programs in connection with the Republic Day celebrations on 26th January, 2011

25 January 2011: 1330 UT onwards President Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil will address the nation. This will be broadcast by all stations of AIR. Delhi frequencies are 5015 6030 6085 9575 & 9835.

Regional stations on SW are using 60 MB frequencies at that time. Look out especially Kohima 4850 (1000 to 1630 UT).

26 January 2011: Running Commentary of Republic Day parade from 0350 UT onwards

Hindi: 6155 (Bengaluru 500 kW); 11620 (Aligarh 250 kW); 15135 (Delhi 50 kW), 9595 (Delhi).

English: 5990 (Delhi 250 kW); 9810 (Delhi 50 kW); 11830 (Delhi 50 kW); 15050 (Bengaluru 500 kW)

The following regional stations will change from their Morning frequencies on 60 Meters (4 & 5 MHz frequencies) to their daytime frequencies between 0335-0350 UT as follows:

4965 Jammu ? (Off air)
5985 Ranchi ? (Off air)
6000 Leh
6040 Jeypore

6065 Kohima
6085 Gangtok
6150 Itanagar
6190 Delhi
7230 Kurseong
7240 Mumbai
7280 Guwahati
7295 Aizawl
7315 Shillong
7325 Jaipur
7440 Lucknow

So some unusual reception of AIR stations can be observed.

The following stations are already scheduled to be on air daily at this time and will also relay the running commentary.

6020 Shimla
6110 Srinagar
7210 Kolkata
7290 Thiruvanthapuram
7335 Imphal
7380 Chennai
7390 Port Blair
7420 Hyderabad
7430 Bhopal

Please send your reception reports to: spectrum-manager @ air.org.in
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Jan 20, dx_india yg via DXLD)

5040, AIR Jeypore, 1330-1411, Jan 25. Special broadcast of the Presidentís speech to the nation on the eve of Republic Day; started and ended with National Anthem; audio feed from TV
http://republicday.nic.in/pspeech11.html
speech first in Hindi, then again in English; fair and best of the 60m band stations; // 4775, 4810, 4835, 4840, 4880, 4910, 4920 (QRM), 4965, 4970 (hum), 5010, 5015 (strong hum), 5050 (under BBR), 9425 and 9470.

Another major event that found AIR Kohima off the air! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3995.021, 16.1 1545, RRI Kendari really nice strength and ditto music (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

RRI Kendari, 3995.4 kHz at 1550 UT with pleasant Indo music. S/off at 1559. Fair Jan 23/11 (Mick Delmage, DXing near Lamont, Alberta, Canada

as the Moman antenna farm, Perseus and new laptop, mostly 4-30 MHz log with some issues. We cannot get it fixed to a certain area, sort of goes with wind, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non]. Assumed Makassar, Sulawesi (Celebes) - I woke up early this morning (unusual for me as I'm retired) and checked 4750 hoping to catch Bangladesh. Started listening at 0958 when signals were pretty weak with QRM from the Peruvian on 4747. By 1100 was quite readable. Never heard any IDs but lingo was Indonesian. Checked again at 1220 and there was another station under them but RRI was dominant (Finkle, K6EID, GA, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4749.94, RRI-Makassar, 1449-1559*, Jan 24. Reactivated again; in Bahasa Indonesia; EZL pop songs; 1500-1515: SCI and relay of the Jakarta news; back to pop songs; Love Ambon and sign off announcement from 1556-1559* (off just before the CNR1 pips); QRM from Bangladesh Betar till their 1500*; light QRM from CNR1; fair to poor; http://www.rrimakassar.com/rri-makassar
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I am hearing and seeing two signals on 4750+- kHz. One is at 4749.946 and the second is 4750.000. I believe the 4740.946 signal is Indonesia's RRI Makassar and the signal on 4750.000 is tentatively Bangladesh Betar, Bandgladesh. I am hearing audio from both regardless where I tune either to one or the other frequency mentioned. Unfortunately, the signals are too close together. Possibly someone with a sharper receiver might be able to tag which station on which frequency is broadcasting? I feel that 4740.946 is the correct frequency for Makassar based on previous loggings. Thanks (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, 26N 081W, WR G31DDC, NRD545, WJ HF1000, Tried all of them, 1223 UT Jan 25, [as corrected], WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, Jan 25 at 1424, some signal with talk barely audible in high local noise level, presumably RRI Makassar which was just reported Jan 24 to have reactivated after several months, discovered by Phil Finkle, K6EID in GA and by Ron Howard in CA; unfortunately I was not up any earlier to hear it for sure yet. Also seemed to be a second carrier on slightly different frequency, China, China, or Bangladesh. Ron measured RRI at 4749.94 until 1559* Jan 24 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4749.949, RRI Makassar, 1040-1100 Jan 26, At tune in noted typical music heard from Makassar usually. At 1045 a female comments in Indonesian language and she continues until 1055 when music is heard again. Signal was poor. There's a second signal mixing with Makassar. Its frequency is 4750.00 KHz and believe it to be tentatively

Bangladesh Betar (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, WR G31DDC, 26N 081W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 4750, RRI Makassar presumed, stronger of two carriers on slightly different frequencies, obvious from double-pitch with BFO, Jan 26 at 1350; 1401 ``island music`` continuing past hourtop, improving slightly by 1405 vs local noise level, a semihour after local sunrise. Also something on 3325, presumably Palangkaraya (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525, VOI, Jan 23 at 1347, just barely modulated (JBM) with music, so hard to tell if there are any IADs; 1348 English announcement. Much better signal an hour later in Indonesian. Frequency is just a tad below 9525 now.

9525, VOI, Jan 26 at 1420, VG signal in Indonesian, with IADs; not the first time reception has improved greatly compared to the preceding hour in English, making me wonder if they are now making an antenna change. Doubt anyone can know for sure, but Aoki shows all 9525 broadcasts are 250 kW, 30 degrees from Jakarta-Cimanggis, certainly favorable for NAm (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Indonesian spelling --- Bukittinggi or Bukit Tinggi? Pekanbaru or Pekan Baru? Banjarmasin or Banjar Masin?

The one-word versions are probably more popular these days. RRI Palangka Raya prefer to have the two-word version in their name on their website http://www.rripalangkaraya.co.id/ though they often spell the city as one word on the same website. On Facebook, they call themselves RRI Palangkaraya.

The website says their SW transmitter is a 50 kW unit and was installed 1990/1991 at location called Banturung in Bukit Batu district of Palangkaraya City. Should be around 02 00S, 113 46E. Regards from Jakarta (Alan Davies via DXPlorer via SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

FYI: http://www.rripalangkaraya.co.id/
(Ron Howard, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL. Y ante tanto anuncio del cierre de las emisiones internacionales, todavÌa presentes algunas emisiones domÈsticas.

Bandscan realizado entre las 0000-0100 UT del S·bado (Utc) Enero 22 del 2011, equipo Sony ICF 2010 antena dipolo de 10 metros, Fomeque, Cundinamarca, Colombia.

3279.9 LV DEL NAPO

3310.0 RADIO MOSOJ CHASKI
3329.7 ONDAS DEL HUALLAGA
3810.0 HD210A [sic]
4052.5 RADIO VERDAD
4409.8 RADIO ECO
4451.3 RADIO SANTA ANA
4700.0 RADIO SAN MIGUEL
4716.7 RADIO YURA
4747.0 RADIO HUANTA 2000
4775.0 RADIO TARMA
4790.0 RADIO VISION (fuerte seÒal, modulaciÛn pobre)
4796.1 RADIO LIPEZ
4815.0 RADIO EL BUEN PASTOR
4824.4 LVS DIGITAL
4940.0 RADIO SAN ANTONIO
4950.1 RADIO MADRE DE DIOS
4955.0 RADIO CULTURAL AMAUTA
4974.7 PACIFICO RADIO
4986.4 RADIO MANANTIAL
5025.0 RADIO QUILLABAMBA (Mix con Radio Rebelde, mejor en LSB)
5120.6 ONDAS DEL SURORIENTE
5460.4 RADIO BOLIVAR
5910.0 RADIO ALCARAVAN
5921.3 BETHEL RADIO
5952.4 RADIO PIO XII (heterodino con ELCOR)
5954.3 ELCOR - RADIO REPUBLICA
6010.0 LA VOZ DE TU CONCIENCIA
6019.3 RADIO VICTORIA
6035.1 RCN LA VOZ DEL GUAVIARE
6050.0 HCJB
6060.1 RAE (Mix con Radio Habana)
6134.8 RADIO SANTA CRUZ
6174.0 RADIO TAWANTISUYO

AsÌ que por ahora todavÌa hay algo que escuchar. Buen DX, Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· (Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST) You all know the countries concerned, don`t you?

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Two Internet radio stations --- Hello from a sunny, snow-drifty, and BITTERLY COLD New York city! I am wondering if you, or anyone else, knows anything about two Internet radio stations, both of which may or may not still have actual real radio parallels: Radio Marma from Peru, and Folk Radio from the Georgian Republic. I used to be able to pick these up as audio streams on the Internet, but Radio Marma's server is unavailable for an unknown reason, and Folk Radio shows a network error message in Windows Media Player and Error Syncing to Stream in winamp. Has anyone from these two stations reported to you about the nature of the problems

affecting them? Folk Radio has a parallel FM station in the Georgian Republic, and if my memory serves me correctly, Radio Marma has a parallel shortwave and/or FM radio station in Peru. The URLs respectively are:
http://www.folkradio.ge and http://www.radiomarma.com
Thanks! (Martin Peck, Jan 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, nothing heard from or about them, and was not familiar with either, certainly never on SW. Perhaps a dxldyg member will have some info (Glenn Hauser, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. NASA Needs Ham Helpers

Here is an item that I thought some of you might miss. It is an excellent opportunity for we Hams to strut our stuff! Get out there and show the boys at NASA just what Amateur Radio operators are capable of! After all, if it is not one of us to first set feet on Mars, it may well be one of our children or grandchildren (Duane Fischer, W8DBF, swl at qth.net via DXLD) Viz.:

Space Bulletin 001  ARLS001
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington, CT  January 20, 2011
To all radio amateurs

SB SPACE ARL ARLS001
ARLS001 NASA Seeks Amateur Radio Operators' Aid to Listen for Nanosatellite's Beacon Signal

On Wednesday, January 19 at 1630 UTC, engineers at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama confirmed that the NanoSail-D nanosatellite ejected from Fast Affordable Scientific and Technology Satellite (FASTSAT). According to NASA, the ejection event occurred spontaneously and when engineers at Marshall identified and analyzed onboard FASTSAT telemetry; the ejection of NanoSail-D also has been confirmed by ground-based satellite tracking assets.

NASA is asking radio amateurs to listen on 437.270 MHz for the signal and verify NanoSail-D is operating. Hams should send information to the NanoSail-D dashboard via the web at, http://nanosaild.engr.scu.edu/dashboard.htm

NASA said that the NanoSail-D science team is hopeful the nanosatellite is healthy and can complete its solar sail mission. "This is great news for our team," said Dean Alhorn, NanoSail-D principal investigator and aerospace engineer at the Marshall Center. "We're anxious to hear the beacon which tells us that NanoSail-D is healthy and operating as planned. The science team is

hopeful to see that NanoSail-D is operational and will be able to unfurl its solar sail." As of Thursday, January 20, the NanoSail-D dashboard is reporting that beacon data has been received, but NASA still wants amateurs to track and report the signals.

On December 6, 2010, NASA triggered the planned ejection of NanoSail-D from FASTSAT. At that time, the team confirmed that the door successfully opened and data indicated a successful ejection. Upon further analysis, however, the team found no evidence of NanoSail-D in low-Earth orbit (LEO), leading them to believe NanoSail-D remained inside FASTSAT. The FASTSAT mission has continued to operate as planned with the five other scientific experiments operating nominally.

"We knew that the door opened and it was possible that NanoSail-D could eject on its own," said FASTSAT Project Manager Mark Boudreaux. What a pleasant surprise we had Wednesday morning when our flight operations team confirmed that NanoSail-D is now a free flyer."

If the deployment is successful, NASA said that NanoSail-D will stay in LEO between 70 and 120 days, depending on atmospheric conditions. NanoSail-D is designed to demonstrate deployment of a compact solar sail boom system that could lead to further development of this alternative solar sail propulsion technology and FASTSAT's ability to eject a nanosatellite from a micro-satellite -- while avoiding re-contact with the FASTSAT satellite bus (via Duane Fischer, W8DBF - WPE8CXO, Hallicrafters web site: www.w9wze.net
HHRP web site: hhrp.w9wze.net SWL at QTH.NET swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Why can`t NASA do its own tracking? Perhaps a PR stunt, and/or this project is too low-priority for them to bother with (cynical gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. DISTRIBUTION --- RRsat gets a baby

RRsat Global Communications Network has signed an agreement with BabyTV, a FOX International Channel, to distribute the channel throughout North America on the Galaxy-23 satellite at 121.0 W. BabyTV targets the youngest members of the family, infants and toddlers, and provides services that range from 24/7 TV channels to VOD and broadband offerings. RRsat currently distributes BabyTV to Europe and Asia. This expansion into the North American market will open up BabyTVís viewership to a new and wider audience.

ìOur work with BabyTV illustrates how RRsat is capable of opening new geographical markets up to any channel and bringing that channel to several continents,î said Lior Rival, Vice President, Sales and Marketing of RRsat. ìWe are excited about making this channel

available to North America, providing BabyTV access to thousands of cable head-ends representing up to 90% of the American cable market.î

ìBabyTV continues to rapidly grow its TV-watching audience,î said Liran Talit, BabyTV Managing Director and Founder. ìRRsat has played a key role in the expansion of our reach in the past and continues to do so. RRsatís services allow us easy access to international markets in multiple languages the world over.î (AIB industry briefing 25 January 2011 via DXLD)

Get `em hooked while toddlers and they`ll be yours forever (gh)

** IRAN. 9710, according to Guenter Lorenz in A-DX, 9710 kHz 2230-approx. 2300 UT noted with Hausa programme from IRIB livestream; the technician at Kamalabad did forget to switch-OFF the transmitter.

9710 2130-2230 28S  KAM  500 298 BOSNIAN / Serbo-Croatian IRN IRB
9710 2330-0030 42-44 KAM  500  64 CHINESE  IRN IRB
(Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 17, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

** IRAN. 13790, VIRI, Jan 24 at 1355 Arabic with long/shortpath echo, // stronger signal on 13800 with no echo. Furthermore, 13800 and 13790 are an echo apart from each other, obviously different sites. HFCC shows 13790 is 500 kW, 178 degrees from Kamalabad, while 13800 is 500 kW, 289 degrees from Zahedan, both until 1430. K is near Teheran, while Z is on the eastern border next to Afghanistan and Pakistan, the tri-country area (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Galei Tzahal noted on 6973 from 0010 to 0104 tune out with male speaking (I assume in Hebrew) and playing popular music; all songs had English lyrics. Signals were good (R4 S7/8) but voice announcements were undermodulated. Found again in the evening at 2350 to 0101 UT with very good signals (R5 S9) with what I think was a live musical program with pop songs in Hebrew and English (modulation was good this time). At 0000, there was a music bit like that on network radio news in the States then the announcer gave clear ID "Galei Tzahal ---- " followed by what sounded like a short newscast. Also noted two days on 15785 with fair signals from 1517 to 1536 tune out and 1340 to 1357 UT when the BBC Interval Signal came on overriding the Israeli station (Phil Finkle, K6EID, GA, Jan 22-24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6973, Israel Defense Forces Radio (Lod), 0006-0016, 1/24/2011, Hebrew. Talk by man and woman.  Slow paced instrumental pop music at 0009, then more talk.  Poor signal, improving, with some fading. (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, Random Wire, ALA100M Loops, Cumbredx mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

** JAPAN. Requirements for becoming NHK WORLD TV Program Monitor [April-Sept 2011, 3000 yen per monitoring report] http://www.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/english/monitor/tvmonitor.html (via Abid Hussain Sajid, Jan 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

** JAPAN. 5910, Tue Jan 25 at 1428, Japanese, piano music, 1429 Shiokaze ID, and finally ``JSR desu``; fair signal until 1430* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also KOREA NORTH [non]

5910, this Wednesday, Sea Breeze is in English, Jan 26 at 1412 with bios of abductees born in the 30`s. Fair signal. 100 kW, 290 degrees from Yamata.

5955, NHK with English news, Jan 26 at 1413, equivalent fair signal to NZ 5950, JSR 5910. 5955 not usually listenable, but it is today, 300 kW, 235 degrees from Yamata (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. 4950.01, AIR-Srinagar, India: Found at 0128 with talking, and after 0130, // 4880 and 4810. This was strongest AIR station in 0000-0200 today. Typical music pieces and singing to past 0148 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, UT Jan 22, IC-756ProIII + 40-meter yagi and antenna tuner, NASWA yg via DXLD) See also INDIA

** KOREA NORTH. 6285, fair Jan 20 at 1244 triumphal choral music, then into YL soloist. Aoki shows 200 kW, 28 degrees from Kujang with VOK/KCBS Korean service, about to switch to 325 degrees at 1300 for VOK/R. Pyongyang Korean service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 9730, KOREA D.P.R., Voice of Korea, 0137 Jan 25. English to Asia, man with political talk mentioning ìthe red flagî several times, 0139 woman with ID. Poor. // 11735, 13760, 15180 which are beamed towards the Americas were all good (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata, *1400, Jan 19 (Wednesday). Second consecutive Wed. with no English. Is Friday their only day in English now? (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, Jan 21 at 1403, Shiokaze via JSR JAPAN is in English as usual on Fridays, YL with very brief headlines, almost all attributed to ``Daily NK``, interspersed with newsy sounders, but not quickly enough to keep up the pace. Somewhat undermodulated, along with only fair signal and her accent make them difficult to follow. 1407 better-audible OM says ``That ends the flash-news``, ID, then back to YL for longer more detailed items (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Donga: Free North Korea Radio
Editorial from Dong A Ilbo (Donga.com); Seoul, South Korea:

ANTI-NK STATION AND NAT`L SECURITY LAW
JANUARY 24, 2011 01:04

Free North Korea Radio, a South Korea-based shortwave station targeting North Koreans, saw its annual financial support of 400,000 to 500,000 U.S. dollars from the U.S. government more than halved last year, a first since the station`s foundation in 2004, due to accounting errors.

The radio broadcaster mainly led by North Korean defectors lets North Koreans know what is happening in both South Korea and the world by renting foreign shortwave frequencies with U.S. funds. The station also breaks news about the isolated communist country to South Koreans. If financial support decreases, such activities cannot continue.

The ultimate solution to problems on the Korean Peninsula is the democratization of North Korea. To free 24 million North Koreans suffering from terror and hunger under the hereditary dictatorship of Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un, South Koreans must help their brethren in the North know about world affairs and the situation they are in now. East Germans were allowed to watch West German TV programs before reunification, but North Koreans are prohibited from using all means of communications, such as TV, radio, the Internet and mobile phones, that allow them information on the outside world. Equally important is to inform the world of how North Koreans are suffering human right abuses and hunger. In this sense, the South Korean government must be ashamed that four South Korea-based broadcasters targeting the North, including Free North Korea Radio, are operating on foreign funds and frequencies.

Worse, certain left-leaning figures in South Korea turn a blind eye to the suffering of North Koreans when they visit the Stalinist country and serve as the North`s mouthpiece after returning home. Senior judge Kim Yong-dae has found guilty the Rev. Han Sang-ryol, adviser to the left-leaning Peoples Solidarity for Social Progress, and Han Chung-mok, co-chairman of the leftist civic group. The former was indicted for making an unauthorized trip to North Korea in June last year and the latter for organizing protests to remove a Gen. George MacArthur statue at Incheon Freedom Park. Criticizing only South Korea while ignoring the suffering of North Koreans clearly threatens the very existence and safety of South Korea, Kim said in his ruling, adding, The two Koreas confront each other militarily and the National Security Law in South Korea remains in effect. Given

this, freedom of thought and expression should be allowed within certain limits.

Friday marked the 43rd anniversary of North Korea`s botched attempt in 1968 to assassinate then South Korean President Park Chung-hee. Kim Shin-jo, the lone North Korean commando arrested alive at the time, joined a trip to explore the assassination attempt organized by the South Korean Army and vividly told young South Korean troops of the situation at the time. Kim said, North Korean leaders talk about reconciliation and peace in public, but behind the scenes, they continuously seek to communize South Korea, adding, We should not believe North Koreas peace offensive. Pyongyang`s nuclear weapons development, sinking of the South Korean naval vessel Cheonan, and shelling of Yeonpyeong Island bear out Kim`s comment (via Mike Cooper, Jan 23, DXLD; Also via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 15515, Qur`an service 0524 20 Jan with international news in Arabic. ID at the end of the feed, S0 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Meaning no flickre of the S-metre? (gh)

** LAOS, 6130, LNR, 1415-1428, Jan 18 (Tuesday). In English and Laotian; with what seemed to be their scheduled English language lesson, ìFunctioning in Businessî.

As it will be Lao New Yearís from April 14 to 16, it might be worthwhile to check on the LNR External Service on 7145, which has been off the air for some time now. Last New Yearís I had the pleasure of hearing their special programming for their English segment (1330-1400*). They explained about the various activities associated with Lao New Yearís and then played some indigenous songs, which were very nice. I hope they will reactivate and broadcast a similar special program this year too, but it is only a hope (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This says the dates are April 13-15:
http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Laos/Holidays
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio, 1313, very good with nice local vocals and woman announcer. Perhaps this is on a more regular schedule, than I had previously thought. Sam Neua and the External Service remain untraced. 20 Jan (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. UNID, 11800, vielleicht Libya in Franzˆsisch. Allerdings passt kein Sendeplan, ID irgendwas wie "La Voix du Afrique??". Wer

firmiert so? Viel von Liberte die Rede. Seit 1730 UT hier gehˆrt. Schwankend zwischen S=3 und S=5, recht nette Musik. Nicht unser ARD Einheitsbrei. A weng verzerrte Audio. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Sp%ter:

11800, Voice of Africa / La Voix de Africa, from Sabrata-LBY, seemingly on a similar schedule like in last July week 2010. French 16-18 UT, followed by Hausa program 18-20 UT ... 73 wolfy

Program in July 2010 was like

French
1600-1657 on  9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1600-1657 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
1700-1757 on  9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1700-1757 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf

Hausa
1800-1857 on  9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1800-1857 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
1900-1957 on  9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
1900-1957 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf

Arabic
2000-2157 on  9880 SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf
2000-2157 on 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf
(Ivo-BULGARIA, via wb, ibid.)

11800, Undoubtedly LJBC Voice of Africa program in French language at 1735 UT Jan 20, S=2 to S=5 faded. Supposedly 16-18 UT instead of 11965? Followed by Hausa ID at 1800 UT til probably 20 UT, but fade out around 1910 UT. Many French IDs "La Voix de Africa" between 1730 and 1800 UT, light western music and 'humanitÈ' comments in between (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

Surely VOAf does not pronounce ``Africa`` as an English word like Africa NumÈro Un in Gabon; or has the Libyan ownership there led to some backscatter? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, could also be instead IDs "La Voix de  A f r i q u e", I've forgotten the very detail sound ... but was undoubtedly Libya. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Proper French would be either ``de l`Afrique`` or less likely ``d`Afrique``. Afrique could easily be mistaken for Africa if there is a residual final syllable as in ``AfriquË`` (gh, DXLOD)

at present between 1900 and 1918 UT I hear again Libya in Hausa on

11800, announced Jumhiryia Africa. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21695, VOAf, Jan 21 at 1547 poor with English talk about --- Africa! SSOB, compared to JBA Spain on 21610, 21570. Also on 17725 at about equal poor level. Wolfgang B¸schel was hearing Libya on 11800 Jan 20 in French until 1800, then Hausa, perhaps another test of their alternate sked like last July, so I was wondering whether English would still be on as usual at 14-16 on 21695, 17725 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA [and non]. RTM Kajang runs some of its transmitters on offset frequencies, making them easy to spot even if not enough signal to hear any modulation, as usually the case here. A staple het is on the lo side of HCJB 6050 around 12-13, and Jan 20 at 1215 I am hearing a lower-pitched het on 5965, i.e. not offset quite so much to that loside, i.e. of CRI Korean via Xi`an and/or VOR in Chinese via Vladivostok. At 1300 the het is still there as CRI theme music reopens another hour of Korean scheduled 11-15.

As in DXLD 11-03, recent measurements were 5964.80 at 2335 Jan 13, per Anker Petersen, Denmark; and 6049.64 at 2342 Jan 7, by Graham Bell, Cape Town (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7295, TRAXX FM. Kuala Lumpur, Malasia, 0947-1110 ene 23. Gracias a informaciÛn de varios medios DX, pude sintonizar con una gran seÒal esta emisora presentado un excelente programa de m˙sica Jazz, llamado: Jazz Station. A las 10 y 11 UT con segmentos de noticias locales e internacionles de Radio Malaysia. "every Sunday only here Traxx FM..." entre cada tema musical "...Traxx FM..."

Escuchas realizadas en el municipio de Fomeque, con un Sony ICF 2010 y antena dipolo de 10 metros. Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Jan 24, playdx yg via DXLD)

9835, Radio TV Malaysia good with news in Malay 0905 on 15/1. New Frequency. Frequent ìRTMì idents from reporters. ìRTM Suara Malaysiaî at conclusion of sports news 0915. Good signal but heavy QRM from powerful Chinese on 9845. Also heard 2250 20/1 when frequency measured as 9835.02. Good signal in Malay. At 2300, time pips and identification mentioning "Nasional, RTM" followed by news bulletin. Deteriorating reception and unreadable by 2400. (Clark NZL)

15295, RTM, ëVoice of Islamí service in English very strong 0916 15/1 with ident & talk about hot springs tourist destination (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I can receive RTM-Sarawak Wai FM on 11665 kHz at *0902 UT on Jan. 21. // 7270 kHz first noted on Jan. 19 at 0823 UT by Hiro in Akita. Sound clip:
http://ani.atz.jp/DX/bbs1/img/12481.mp3
by Hiro on Jan. 19.

Because 11665 kHz are delayed than 7270 kHz, I seem to be a new transmitter of Kajang. Wai FM on 11665kHz is finished at 1600 UT, and it is relayed Sarawak FM after a national anthem. fade out or s/off at 1608 (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9835, RTM-Sarawak, 1500+ 20 Jan with news in Malay. At 1510 with the Malay song 'ku gembira disampingmu' dari Kahdijah Ibrahim, then with talks, with signal around S3 max. But about 1520 the signal was covered by Turkmen service of Radio Liberty at S6 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9835, Sarawak FM via RTM, via Kajang, near Kuala Lumpur; checking randomly from 1133 to 1437, Jan 22. // 5030 (fair-poor), which is broadcasting from Sarawak. Mostly fair or better; in vernacular with pop songs and their regular Saturday program of indigenous chanting/singing and phone calls. Just from 1300 to 1310 was clearly // 11665 (Wai FM) with the ìR-T-M Kuala Lumpurî news relay followed by ID for Sarawak FM. The 1400 news was not // with 11665. The 9835 signal was many times stronger than Wai FMís signal on 11665.

11665, Wai FM via RTM, via assume Kajang, near Kuala Lumpur; checking randomly from 1133 to 1437, Jan 22. New frequency/ transmitter heard thanks to Sei-ichi Hasegawaís tip in dxldyg; in vernacular; playing music and with phone calls; mostly poor, but improving up to almost fair by tune out; mixing with CNR1 (assume echo jamming); only from 1300 to 1310 was // 9835 (Sarawak FM) with the ìR-T-M Kuala Lumpurî news relay; 1310 the usual ìWai FMî singing jingle that they play so often; 1400 news was not // to 9835; assume the local Wai FM and Limbang news; clearly // 7270 (poor with moderate to strong QRM from PBS Nei Menggu), which is from Sarawak. Nice to have another frequency to be able to confirm it is parallel (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11665, nothing audible Jan 23 at 1350 from RTM`s latest new frequency, reported by S. Hasegawa and Ron Howard as relaying Sarawak services like on 9835, which is also unheard. This country continues to be a most frustrating one here to pull any readable signals from on any of its frequencies. At least they are putting on new transmitters, so maybe something will eventually work for us. I suspect they lack

antennas aimed USward by coincidence, let alone design (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 23 actually had outstanding propagation for much of Asia. Does not bode well for you hearing these new frequencies, but perhaps it may still happen. Reception of 9835 has been decent for me since they fixed the audio. Very enjoyable listening. The difference in signal strength between 9835 and 11665 was a surprise. Would have thought they would be about the same level. 11665 need some adjustments made to it? (Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Most of the time we(EUR) have RTI_TWN + CNR jamming on 11665 kHz. Bad frequency selection, even when azimuth is 93 degrees straight eastwards (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, ibid.)

9835, Sarawak FM via RTM, via Kajang, near Kuala Lumpur; 1600-1625, Jan 23. Choral National Anthem (Negaraku ñ Lagu Kebangsaan Malaysia); in vernacular; pop songs; mostly fair or better; much stronger than // 11665; before 1600 was // 5030, which went off at 1600.

On attached audio 9835 is the clearest, with 11665 being weaker and noisy, plus with CNR1 QRM.

11665, Sarawak FM via RTM, via Kajang, near Kuala Lumpur; 1600-1625, Jan 23. Carrying the Wai FM relay till 1600; choral National Anthem (Negaraku ñ Lagu Kebangsaan Malaysia); in vernacular; pop songs; weaker than // 9835 and had CNR1 echo jamming QRM; assume Wai FM on 7270 went off at 1600, but not confirmed (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Received from Sei-ichi Hasegawa: "Dear Ron, Nice reception!
Acc. to HFCC B10 Operational Schedule Update ver. on Jan. 23:

```
 9835 0000 1600 54NE  KAJ  100 93  0 148 1234567 311010 270311
D 9835 LOCAL  MLA RTM RTM 17335

11665 0000 1600 54NE  KAJ  100 93  0 148 1234567 311010 270311
D 7255 LOCAL  MLA RTM RTM 18493
```

However, I can receive Sarawak FM on 9835 and 11665kHz it is past 1900 UT today [Jan 23]. S. Hasegawa" Thanks to Sei-ichi for his confirmation (Ron Howard, Jan 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. Unidentified: I hear an Arabic speaking station on 7245 between 2030 and 0102 close down. The music featured at 2330 to 2350 or so is more African than Middle Eastern. Could this be Nouakchott? WRTH says SW is irregular. Have a good tape of what I think is an ID

but just not sure. That clip is at:
http://k6eid.com/UNID%207245%201-25-11%200057
Thanks (Phil Finkle, GA, Jan 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yep, I hear "Idha'at Mauritania, Nouakchott" (David Kernick, UK, ibid.)

Yes, at least past 4 weeks again on air 7245 kHz, also mornings heard regularly around our Germany morning at 5-8 UT, earliest noted at 0513 here. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.) Not on 4845 at all (gh)

** MEXICO. 660, Jan 21 at 1317 UT music, ``aquÌ en Delicias``, so XEACB, Cd. Delicias, Chihuahua. Several of the other usual XE suspects were in on 650, 710, 730, 770, 870, 1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 710, Jan 20 at 1320, TC for 6:20, ``Ranchera de CuauhtÈmoc`` SID, slow SAH and CCI from US stations, i.e. 7 kW XEDP (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 660

** MEXICO. 1170/1240, R. Recuerdo and La Rancherita, respectively, i.e. the opposite to what is shown in the WRTH. This is according to a QSL to Jan Edh from Ing. Sergio Gonz·lez, Director TÈcnico de Radiogrupo in Aguascalientes. "SÌ, la programaciÛn fuÈ cambiada de 1170 y 1240." This frequency switch has previously also been confirmed by Henrik Klemetz. Jan Edh, ARC (ARC Central American [sic] News Desk, Jan via DXLD) Have the call-signs swapped too or not? (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. Hi all, I've attached an mp3. I'm hearing XEHM after the National Anthem and my problem is that I was on 1470 and every reference I've seen says this is on 1480. Checked Fred Cantu's site, WRTH etc. Haven't ordered the new IRCA list yet though. I know that I was taping 1470 as XERCN, KKTY and KGND were all longed in the same overnight session. Anybody hear it differently then I? Copied Jan 16 at 0659 ELT. [1159 UT]
http://lists.nrcdxas.org/pipermail/am/attachments/20110119/664a4fce/attachment.mp3
Thanks y 73 (Wayne Heinen, CO, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Call appears XEHM, but wasn't able to dig out slogan or location. Google XEHM 1470 and you'll find several listings for XEHM Ciudad Delicias here; may be one of those FCC notified frequency changes that has just been made???? (John Callarman, KA9SPA, Family Genealogist, Retired Newspaper Editor, DX-oyente, Krum TX (AKA Qal R. Mann, Krumudgeon), ibid.)

John, Tried it and got a listing at Craig Healy's site
XEHM 1470 kHz Day ND1 CD.DELICIAS CH MX 1.0 kW
Would fit the sign on time. I could [not] dig out the slogan or

location either but sounds like this one may have moved... 73 (Wayne Heinen, ibid.)

Wayne, Yes, I hear it differently. Listening to it several times, I think they are saying XEHI, not XEHM. And in IRCA Mexican Log there is an XEHI on 1470, in Ciudad Miguel Alem·n, Tamaulipas. Also I think I hear Alem·n mentioned, and later on ``La H-I``.

The Cofetel list as of last June also shows XEHI on 1470, XEHM on 1480.
http://www.cofetel.gob.mx/work/models/Cofetel_2008/Resource/734/INFRA_AM_JUN10.pdf

Now the question is why some references show XEHM on 1470? 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

Hi all, Think this will remain in the UNID pile and I'll configured the loops and see if I get better reception overnight tonight. 73 (Wayne Heinen, CO, ibid.)

** MEXICO. Re new station on 1670: Just listened to WOR 1548 stream.

From Fred Cant˙'s page http://mexicoradiotv.com/index.html

Felicidades a Radio An·huac, XEANAH 1670, de Huixquilucan, MÈxico en su celebracion de gran apertura que viene el 20 de Enero.

and under the frequency table, power is listed as:
1670 XEANAH Radio An·huac Huixquilucan, Mex. 1,000 1,000
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

De acuerdo a la identificaciÛn que hace XEANAH 1670 kHz, transmite con 1000 vatios (1 kW) de potencia los 24 horas del dÌa (Juli·n Santiago D. de B., DF, Jan 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 11-03: New -Mexican- on 1670

That is why paper published log books are becoming obsolete. This has been out on the web since at least June and has the station mentioned:

http://www.cofetel.gob.mx/work/models/Cofetel_2008/Resource/734/INFRA_AM_JUN10.pdf

I found it on this website several months ago.
ComisiÛn Federal de Telecomunicaciones: http://www.cofetel.gob.mx/

The latest on all the Mexican AM/FM/TV can be found here:
http://www.cofetel.gob.mx/es/Cofetel_2008/Cofe_radio_y_television

The "Estaciones de AM" link leads you to the pdf link I posted above. Enjoy. (John ];') kugellager, Jan 18, mwdx yg via DXLD) Viz.:

HUIXQUILUCAN * PRODUCTORA Y DIFUSORA UNIVERSITARIA, A.C. XEANAH-AM 1670 1.000 1.000 1-Mar-10 1-Mar-22

So it got a 12-year license starting last March. The list is in state and city order, so I searched on each X-band frequency. Did not find any others except the 1610, 1630 and 1700 we already know about (gh, DXLD)

I may be getting them right now. Heard definite banda music on the channel under WTDY at 2314 ELT [0414 UT], and it was looping SW from here. Thinking at first that it might be an image, I checked my local Spanish outlets on 1420, 1020, and 97.7, but nothing matched, so it was definitely a 1670 station. Would be interested in knowing what kinds of music XEANAH will be programming, and at what time. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE, Sony ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop, Jan 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, NRC AM via DXLD)

Se iniciaron oficialmente el dÌa de hoy las transmisiones de XEANAH "Radio An·huac" de la Universidad An·huac en los 1670 kHz de la onda media. A las 10 horas del centro de MÈxico (16:00 UTC) se transmitio la ceremonia de inauguraciÛn con la presencia del Rector de dicha Universidad, Profesores, alumnos y funcionarios de la SecretarÌa de Comunicaciones y Transportes.

La seÒal mejorÛ sustancialmente, en relaciÛn a los dÌas previos en que fue reportada su escucha.

La programaciÛn ser· b·sicamente producida por la comunidad de la mencionada universidad abarcando una gran gama de temas: culturales, cientÌficos, entretenimiento, m˙sica, etc.

"Radio An·huac" se iniciÛ como "Audio Internet" Èl 24 de febrero de 2004, denominado desde entonces "Radio An·huac" hasta el dÌa de hoy en que si emite en radiofrecuencia.

Sus estudios y transmisor se ubican en el campus norte de la "Universidad An·huac" en Huixquilucan el cual es un municipio conurbado en el noroeste de la ciudad de MÈxico. Saludos, (Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, Jan 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio UAM, Radio An·huac y Canal 44
Cambio de frecuencia
Fernando MejÌa Barquera 2011-01-20ïTendencias

Hace un aÒo, el 27 de enero de 2010, la Cofetel informÛ sobre el

otorgamiento de 19 permisos para operar estaciones de radio y canales de televisiÛn a diversas entidades, entre ellas el Congreso de la UniÛn (Canal 45 de tv), el Gobierno del Distrito Federal (Canal 21), la Universidad de Guadalajara (Canal 44), la Universidad AutÛnoma Metropolitana (frecuencia 94.1 de FM) y la Universidad An·huac (frecuencia 1670 de AM).

UdeG

A punto de cumplirse un aÒo de ese anuncio se desconoce la fecha en que los canales televisivos del gobierno del DF y del Congreso comenzar·n a transmitir en seÒal abierta. En cambio, las frecuencias asignadas a instituciones universitarias han iniciado transmisiones de prueba y anuncian ya su salida al aire

Antier [sic], seg˙n informÛ MILENIO, el Canal 44 de la Universidad de Guadalajara comenzÛ sus transmisiones de prueba colocando barras crom·ticas en la pantalla acompaÒadas del logotipo de la emisora; en la parte de audio se difunde m˙sica. En los prÛximos dÌas aparecer· una serie de spots anunciando la salida al aire de la emisora cuya programaciÛn regular habr· de iniciar la ˙ltima semana de enero.

Con la entrada en sintonÌa del Canal 44, ser·n diez las televisoras con seÒal abierta que podr·n sintonizarse en Guadalajara: 2, 4, 5, 9 y 21 de Televisa; 11 y 13 de TV Azteca; 7 del gobierno del estado, y 27, del Instituto PolitÈcnico Nacional

XHUAM

En marzo de 2010, la Cofetel notificÛ a la Universidad AutÛnoma Metropolitana el otorgamiento de cinco permisos para operar, en el Distrito Federal, el mismo n˙mero de estaciones radiodifusoras. Se trata de cinco estaciones de baja potencia (apenas 20 watts) que operar·n en una sola frecuencia (94.1 de FM) y transmitir·n la misma programaciÛn. Mediante ellas, transmitiendo simult·neamente, la UAM tratar· de cubrir la mayor parte del Distrito Federal. Las estaciones que ser·n operadas por la UAM (todas en la frecuencia de 94.1 FM) son: XHUAMA FM, ubicada en la unidad Azcapotzalco de esa casa de estudios; XHUAMI FM, en Iztapalapa; XHUAMX FM, en Xochimilco; XHUAMR FM, que difundir· desde el edificio de la rectorÌa general; y XHUAMC FM, desde la unidad Cuajimalpa. Cada una transmitir· con 20 watts, lo que representa una cobertura radial de entre 6 y 8 kilÛmetros, y su permiso tendr· una vigencia de 12 aÒos. Del 11 de marzo de 2010 al 11 de marzo de 2022

En agosto del aÒo pasado, la UAM anunciÛ que las cinco emisoras de baja potencia comenzarÌan transmisiones de prueba en enero de 2011 y que la salida al aire estaba proyectada para febrero de este aÒo. En

todo caso, las transmisiones deber·n comenzar antes del 11 de marzo de 2011 para cumplir con el plazo de 365 dÌas que la Cofetel le impuso como lÌmite.

Radio An·huac

Finalmente, el pasado 16 de enero, Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla y HÈctor GarcÌa Bojorge, ìdiexistasî que est·n siempre en b˙squeda de nuevas seÒales dentro del espectro radioelÈctrico (seÒales que en ocasiones pasan desapercibidas para el com˙n de la gente) informaron sobre el inicio de las transmisiones de prueba de XEANAH, Radio An·huac, 1670 khz en AM. Los estudios de la emisora se localizan en la Escuela de ComunicaciÛn de la Universidad An·huac, dentro del campus Mexico Norte, en Huixquilucan, Estado de MÈxico. La emisora anunciÛ el inicio de sus transmisiones regulares para hoy, 20 de enero de 2011, a las 8.30 hora del centro de la Rep˙blica.

El problema para Radio An·huac es que a corto plazo su n˙mero de radioescuchas ser· necesariamente pequeÒo. En MÈxico, la inmensa mayorÌa de los aparatos receptores de AM sÛlo tiene capacidad para sintonizar el segmento que va de los 535 a los 1605 kilohertz, donde histÛricamente se han hecho las transmisiones en esa banda. En 1988, a travÈs del Acuerdo Regional de RÌo de Janeiro, Brasil, la UniÛn Internacional de Telecomunicaciones autorizÛ a los paÌses de la ìRegiÛn 2î, a la cual permanece MÈxico, para que, si asÌ lo deseaban, utilizaran el segmento de 1605 a 1705 kilohertz para colocar en Èl radiodifusoras de AM (el acuerdo entrÛ en vigor el 1 de julio de 1990). Posteriormente, el 11 de agosto de 1992, MÈxico y Estados Unidos firmaron un acuerdo para regular el uso de esa extensiÛn de la banda de AM (1605 a 1705 kilohertz) en la zona fronteriza de ambos paÌses.

Banda ampliada

Actualmente sÛlo operan en MÈxico dos [sic] estaciones de AM en el segmento de 1605 a 1705 kilohertz: XEPE AM, 1700 kHz, en Jaramillo, Baja California, concesionada a la empresa Media Sports, S.A. de C.V., y XEUT AM, 1630 kHz, en Tijuana, permisionada a la Universidad AutÛnoma de Baja California. Radio An·huac, 1670 kilohertz, ser· la tercera, pero no podr· ser captada por el p˙blico masivo hasta que, con la digitalizaciÛn, el ìparqueî de aparatos receptores se vaya renovando y exista una mayor cantidad de ellos con capacidad de sintonizar el segmento de 535 a 1705 kilohertz y no ˙nicamente hasta los 1605, como ocurre ahora.

Fuente: http://impreso.milenio.com/node/8898002
(via Roberto E. GÛmez Morales, MÈxico, Jan 20, dxldyg via DXLD) 1610??

SÌ, yo pude captar esa seÒal con bastante claridad desde la central de la TAPO, muy buena esa estaciÛn. Creen que responda a informes de escucha?? Atte (Luis Vallebueno E., Durango, Dgo Mexico, 2314 UT Jan 20, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Realmente dudo que ya tengan polÌtica QSL, sin embargo ocasionalmente dan el correo electrÛnico y podrÌas escribirles. Saludos (Juli·n Santiago, ibid.)

1670, XEANAH, Mexico heard while monitoring 1670, with various styles of music, all in English from Oldies to Rap noted from 6:25 to 7:10 am [1225-1310 UT] under another Spanish speaker unknown at present. XEANAH started to fade and was weak by 7:10 am. There were a couple "Radio An·huac" ID's noted in between every 2 to 3 songs. I did find the internet "Listen Live" web site at http://www.anahuac.mx/radio/ New!! (James Niven, Cedar Creek, Texas, 1404 UT 21 Jan, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD) See unID: 1670

** MEXICO [and non]. 6010-, blocked by RHC, until about 0710 UT Jan 20, in Spanish as a bonus to English scheduled until 0700. But after hearing R. Alcarav·n on 5910 [see COLOMBIA], checked 6010 for the other HJDH at 0712, and now Cuba is off, and there is a Spanish station, but soon evident it is R. Mil instead, soft music, 0714 ``11 grados, la temperatura``, Radio Mil promo. Slightly on the lo side, and some much weaker CCI making very low het, presumably HJDH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6185, XEEP, Radio EducaciÛn fair to good in the clear playing English pop tracks 0642 7/1. Comprehensive Spanish ident 0702. Also audible on // MW 1060 poor to fair (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6185, Jan 24 at 0629, only open carrier from XEPPM when it is supposed to be relaying RFI. This is happening too frequently; wake up in the cabina! Where no doubt much greater attention is devoted to same programming on XEEP 1060 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6185, M…XICO, Radio EducaciÛn, MÈxico, DF. 0023 January 25, 2011. In the clear right now, with some radio play, even a brief "Guantanamera" singing, and a couple of other traditional Cuban vocals aired completely. Maybe something Cuban-produced that found its way to the station, though production values were contrary. Excellent, parallel very QRMed 1060. RHC Spanish on 6060 and 6140 the same time (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA [non]. Re 11-03: Hi Glenn, as for the German Transmissions of Mongolia ÑDeutsches Radio Ulaanbaatarî, please note our schedule: http://www.shortwaveservice.com/?page_id=27&lang=de

itís always up-to date. Today we will do another update, because from February on there will be another broadcaster be on Sunday 12-14 UT on 6005. Regards, (Christian Milling, Jan 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz:

** MONGOLIA [non]. GERMANY/MONGOLIA, 6005/6085, Deutsches Radio Ulaanbaatar, via Kall-Eifel shortwave relay. Hallo zusammen, hier jetzt die hochoffiziellen UTC Sendezeiten von DRUB auf
Kurzwelle 6005 kHz, 1300-1400 UT Deutsches Radio Ulaanbaatar
Mittwoch, 26.01.2011
Freitag, 28.01.2011
Montag, 31.01.2011
Mittwoch, 02.02.2011
Freitag, 04.02.2011
Montag, 07.02.2011
Mittwoch, 09.02.2011
Freitag, 11.02.2011
Montag, 14.02.2011
Mittwoch, 16.02.2011
Freitag, 18.02.2011

Kurzwelle 6085 kHz, 0900-1000 UT Deutsches Radio Ulaanbaatar
Dienstag, 25.01.2011
Donnerstags, 27.01.2011
Samstags, 29.01.2011
Dienstag, 01.02.2011
Donnerstag, 03.02.2011
Samstag, 05.02.2011
Dienstag, 08.02.2011
Donnerstag, 10.02.2011
Samstag, 12.02.1011
Dienstag, 15.02.2011
Donnerstag, 17.02.2011
Samstag, 19.02.2011

Postanschrift
Galtai Galsan DRUB
Centralpost p/b 711
Ulan-Bator, Mongolia

e-Mail adresse: <deutschesradioub @ galsan.info>

Christian Milling
Funkhaus Euskirchen e.V.

Kuchenheimer Strasse 155
53881 Euskirchen, Germany

RADIO 700 - Ihr Radio fuer die Region
in Ostbelgien und der Eifel auf UKW 90.1 und 101.7 MHz,
europaweit auf Kurzwelle 6005 kHz
und weltweit im Internet: http://www.radio700.eu
(Christian Milling, Germany, Jan 21, A-DX via BC-DX Jan 23 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Closing in October 2012: see BONAIRE

** NIGER. 9705, La Voix du Sahel (Niamey) (presumed), 2156-2218, 1/24/2011, French. West African pop music. Announcement by woman in French at 2201, then pop music with talk-over by woman. Back to only music after a few minutes. Poor signal with fading, a few times down into the noise, but also occasionally up to moderate strength (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, Random Wire, ALA100M Loops, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925+AM, Jan 21 at 0612, novelty song; 0615 seguÈ to ``Cotton-Eyed Joe`` with harmonica; 0618 outro as by Red Necks, ID as Pan Global Wireless, panglobal @ wbcq.us or P O Box 1101, Faribault MN, 5---- (should be 55021 or vicinity), offering QSL. SIO was 243, occasional ute QRM. 0619 back to music. Frequency slightly on hi side. 0622 weakening due to desensitization of the FRG-7 fed by 110` mostly E-W longwire, from extremely strong RTI Spanish via WYFR on 6875. Didn`t hear it long, but sure enjoyed ``Cotton-Eyed Joe`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1230, WBBZ, Ponca City, a semi-local here during daytime with oldies; unfortunately when I tuned across Jan 26 at 1944 UT, DJ was mixing extended weather forecast with religious exhortations, e.g., a nice day Sunday so you must go to church, etc., so it took him a couple minutes to get thru the week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. KMUS 1380 noted *on* Sat 1/22 1705-1725 CST [2305-2325 UT] with Broadway show tunes and quick "KMUS Sperry" semi-ID by woman after every couple of songs. Noted again this evening on drive home 1907-1930 CST with same Broadway show tunes and semi-IDs by woman. No IBOC sidebands like previous occupant R. Disney. Still on at 1/24 2115CST recheck.

After hearing KMUS on Saturday, I recorded on 1380 overnite last nite with no sign of KMUS on any TOH recording from 2300 CST 1/23 thru 0700 CST 1/24.

Is KMUS transmitting a minimally required time to maintain an active

license or getting ready to come back full-time? Any one in the broadcast industry on the lists have any information on this situation? (Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa, OK, Jan 24, ABDX via DXLD)

No, but how about this? (gh)

GAYTAN BROADCASTING WILL BUY TWO TULSA AMS AND FLIP THEM [to] SPANISH
http://www.radio-info.com/news/gaytan-broadcasting-will-buy-two-tulsa-ams-and-flip-them-spanish

Gaytan Broadcasting announces an agreement to purchase two stations owned by Reunion Broadcasting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, pending FCC approval. No price was made public. Reunion owns and operates oldies KRVT-AM (1270), which also has the syndicated Don Imus in mornings, along with talk KZLI-AM (1570). Both stations will lose those formats and will be given new Spanish formats. Gaytan already owns regional Mexican "Que Buena" KXTD-AM (1530) in Tulsa. Gaytan CEO/Owner Maria DeLeon is also the new co-chair for the Greater Tulsa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (via Artie Bigley, OH, Jan 25, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA [non]. In anticipation of my local 1380 KMUS going back to full-time status, I recorded overnight the past couple of nights and logged a new one: KLIZ-MN. Other stations heard/ID'd on the overnites: KOTA-SD, KHEY-TX, KCNW-KS, WTJK-IL and suspected KSLG-MO. Still no sign of much needed KXCA, Lawton, OK, one of my few unheard Oklahomans. One intriguing tid-bit: while listening "live" to 1380 at 0759CST 1/25, I heard a weak vocal version of the Star Spangled Banner underneath dominant KCNW (Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa, OK, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I poked around in the FCC Database, and noted that in the case of KMUS, the STA allowed them to remain silent until 22 January, 2011. That's all I could conclude from digging around in there -- that the STA expired, so they want to save the license. The records showed that KMUS went silent on 22 January, 2010 (Eric Berger, ABDX via DXLD)

Yikes! Curmudgeon mode on: Just what Tulsa and surrounding area needs --- 2 more Spanish formats on the local AM band. I know the Hispanic demographic is growing rapidly but can the Tulsa metro *really* support 4 Spanish language/format stations? (1270/1340/1530/1570 once this deal is consummated) I guess we'll wait and see. Curmudgeon mode off:

Thanks for the information, Glenn. Eric, I, too, tracked down that info on the FCC site re: silent authority ending 1/21/11. KMUS is still on as I type this 2116 CST 1/25 with Broadway-show tunes. From the signal strength and variation, they must be on their 250 W night power/pattern (Bruce Winkelman AA5CO, Tulsa, OK, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. 1430, KALV, Alva has a null toward KBEZ Tulsa, and consequently Enid, but signal is JBA in western Enid Jan 26 at 1940, and just as I tune in hear ``stereo 1430, KALV, Alva`` ID. No AM stereo on my caradio but KALV is among the AM$ stations listed as of Sept 2008 at
http://mysite.verizon.net/tekel/amstereo/usa.htm
Then ad for HCG, which should have included a warning like this:
http://www.hcgdietdangers.net/warning.html
(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1610, have noticed that the Enid NWS relay via WQCL720, Great Salt Plains State Park, has been overridden by loud roaring noise lately, surely not an intentional new way of representing the nearby town of Jet, but presumably another transmission or input problem unnoticed at park HQ. Got worse as I drove north of Enid on US 81 to release another trapped squirrel banned from our pecans, Jan 24 at 2100 UT just across the Grant County line; and still that way in western Enid on Jan 26 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Until recently, UnivisiÛn had been visible on both ch 36 and 48 low-powers from OKC in analog, but lately only on 48. Now we know why. When tropo bumped up the signal from 48 Jan 22 at 1530 UT, I scanned the UHF channels in DTV, and found UNI barely decoding on 36, displayed as 36-1 KCHM-CA, so that one has finally flash-cut from NTSC to ATSC.

According to W9WI.com listings, the old KCHM-CA had 12.53 kW ERP, while the new digital KCHM-CA (same call suffix) has 7.33 kW. But they are from slightly different transmitter sites.

OLD: 35-24-52.40N  97-30-32.00W
NEW: 35-24-53.80N  97-30-35.90W
The hotlinx to maps from coordinates on W9WI.com are Not Found. But the FCC Google map link shows both on the south side of OKC.

I wonder if they plan to keep 48 in analog as long as possible for the non-DTV OTA crowd, if any? It`s on the north side in Nichols Hills.

While pointed toward this, also had a `bad` DTV signal on 38, and OETA Ponca City was up strong when aimed toward it. Listed as analog 38 in OKC is KOHC-CA, 50 kW with Azteca AmÈrica, but I have never seen it; is it really on the air?

I also looked for KUOK-35 Woodward, which is supposedly the home full-power station being relayed by 36 and 48 in OKC, but no signal from it, so still way underpowered, while its LP neighbor, KOMI-34 was

decoding as 24-1 KOMI-SD, infomercial at 1544.

Another remaining analog in OKC, KUOT-CA on 19 had sufficient tropo-enhanced signal, around 1540 UT, continuous religious audio, but mostly black screen with occasional flashes of video being transmitted! Hello?

Daystar`s KOCM, OKC DTV on 46 was still on the edge of decoding or not (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan with its news in English from 1600 UT was heard on Jan 12 & 13 only on 7099 kHz and not on 7570 kHz, and in range 11535-11575 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jan 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD) 7099/7100 earlier reported with Azad Kashmir

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 1725 kHz, GA, PNG beacon, 1529 UT.
1737, KUT, PNG beacon, 1532 UT, miskeying as usual the past year (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, Jan 24, IRCA via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Week in review: Radio Milne Bay was fair on 3365 kHz; Radio East New Britain still buried under utility interference (Bill, W1OW, Smith, MA, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3315, R. Manus (presumed), 1429-1439*, Jan 25. Seemed to be running late; non-stop pop songs; suddenly off with never any announcements; above average reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 5960, Radio Fly (presumed), 1248-1317 + 1504, Jan 18. Another day of mostly non-stop music (Righteous Brothers ìYouíve Lost That Loving Feelingî, etc.); very weak, but still nice to be able to hear them; unable to hear 3915 nor 4775 (if they are indeed there!) (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4746.95, Radio Huanta 2000, 1025, noted with uptempo conversation between a man and woman, mensajes, many local references. Only Peruvian heard at this time. 20 Jan (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4939.97, 19.1 2259, Radio San Antonio good strength and nice music. Abrupt off 2300 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

4940, RADIO SAN ANTONIO, Atalaya, Per˙. 2253-2310 ene 21.
Programa: El pan nuestro de cada dia. CampaÒa Supermodales. A las 2257 usual ID: "...Radio San Antonio, una radio intercultural, misionera y

educativa en los 95.5 FM y en onda corta 49-40. Radio San Antonio, una radio diferente..."

5921.3, RADIO BETHEL, Arequipa, Per˙. 1040-1050 ene 22. Frases de predicaciÛn y melodÌas instrumentales. Luego "... 24 horas al dÌa, 7 dÌas de la semana. 365 dÌas al aÒo, llevando bendiciÛn a su hogar... Radio Bethel..." Programa: La hora de la transformaciÛn. Escuchas realizadas en el municipio de Fomeque, con un Sony ICF 2010 y antena dipolo de 10 metros. Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Jan 24, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 18058-, Jan 26 at 2043, JBA carrier with traces of audio, from 3 x 6019.3+, R. Victoria; checked here since Chile was inbooming on 17680 which is not unusual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Re 11-03: Never mind what I say on WORLD OF RADIO 1548 about R. Blagovest being gone from R. Veritas Asia. Altho it was absent Jan 17 and 18, it`s back with good signal Jan 19! 1503 tune-in, Russian talk, about Yerushalim, Paul, etc., bothered by DentroCuban Jamming Command on 9565, despite its use by R. MartÌ only between 20 and 24 UT (half Sackville, half Greenville)!

RB keeps talking, presumably sermonizing at further chex, 1520 had switched to YL, 1534 finally some sacred classical music where they usually put it to break up the gab; 1543.6 bells and ID ``Vy slushayetye Radio Blagovest``, more talk by OM until 1553 music with bells, 1554 ID, 1555 RVA 14-note IS and off by 1556* (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After at least two days off, R. Blagovest now has accomplished two days on: 9570, Jan 20 at 1459, instrumental music prÈlude, Radio Veritas Asia sign-on in English with jazzy background, ``from Quezon City, stay tuned for a broadcast in Russian at 1500 on 9.570``. 1500 bells and R. Blagovest opening, VG as are other Philippine sites on 9430, 9760.

9570, Jan 21 not checked until 1554, just in time to hear the bells, R. Blagovest ID in Russian concluding the 1500 broadcast via RVA, still on the air for third day in a row. In last report I omitted the frequency.

9570, RVA, Jan 23 at 1515 choral music, bell and Russian from R. Blagovest service.

9570, Jan 24 at 1500, bells, R. Blagovest sign-on in Russian, flutter, via RVA. Also audible around 1515 Jan 25 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL [and non]. 12040, altho RDPI was made aware of the clash with Cuba several weeks ago, nothing has been done about it. Still Jan 26 at 2034, sports commentary in hyper-Portuguese is about equal level with RHC music. Meanwhile numerous nearby frequencies are open, e.g. 12030 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. 6240: see RUSSIA

** ROMANIA. Observed Dec 24-Jan 13, four programs in Romanian are of their 1st Home Service called Radio Romania Actualitati [sic] (in a Deneb DX Forum in Russian language one man wrote the exact pronunciation is "Aktualitatez" [sic]) and not as the other programs in Romanian presented as Radio Romania International. So RRA on SW is on the air:
0500-0600  6145  7220
1400-1500 11940 15170
1600-1700  9655 11870
2000-2100  5990  7380
- all four also on several MWs and FMs (? and on LW?).
(Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jan 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. 6075, Jan 22 at 1355 bits of music mixing with the motorboat from R. Rossii, Pet/Kam; late time-signal at 1400, and stayed on until 1401:17* mixing with Taiwan/ChiCom just starting. Still no sign of 8GAL on 6074 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6075, R. Rossii, 1358-1400*, Jan 24. Finally they have fixed the problem with their transmitter; no longer emitting the motorboating sound (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 6074

6075, Jan 25 at 0629, DW German in the clear with no motorboating-rumble from Pet/Kam! And Ron Howard found it had been fixed the previous morning --- but for how long?

6075, Jan 26 at 1400, R. Rossii indeed motorboatless during closing timesignal, overlapping with start of CW marker on 6074: see UNIDENTIFIED (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 9695, Voice of Russia, Samara. 1237 January 22, 2011. Male and female trading off world news items, ID's. Very good, though het from something about 700 Hz higher made this best via LSB. Gone (off at 1300, I guess) on recheck just after 1300. (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Off frequency would be Brasil; see BRAZIL (gh)

** RUSSIA [and non]. 9840 via Pet/Kam, surprised to find VOR English to NAm propagating well tonight, Jan 20 at 0657 music just as it is about over, much better than // 9855 Vladivostok. 9840 does have some lite CCI, presumably from the Moscow R. Rossii transmitter, Russians vs Russians! 0658 sign-off announcement for NAm, to resume at 23 on 41m; 0659 IS and off.

Meanwhile, RNZI was VG opening 9765 with bellbird, and RA was good on 9710, 9660, see AUSTRALIA, while WYFR was JBA instead of usual inbooming on 9715, 9680, less than Brazil on 9675 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 9855, RUSSIA (ASIATIC). Voice of Russia, Vladivostok, 0631, Jan 20. English, man and woman beginning ìIn Focusî program. Poor. // 9840 via Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non?]. 7290 seems to be a new frequency from assumed MOLDOVA. Voice of Russia, 0050 Jan 25. English with ìIn Focusî news and events program, 0058 ID. Poor to very poor. (Sellers-BC)

11830 unlisted, site? Voice of Russia, 2340 Jan 24. English, woman with the ìJazz Showî. Poor with het, // 7250 very poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RE 7290 - I agree with Harold that this is via MOLDOVA as 6240 has been missing for a while. Voice of Russia on 11830 has me beat (Mark Coady, Jan 25, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Since Harold Sellers had reported VOR on new 7290, from Moldova? I checked the usual relay frequency after 0000, 6240, at 0053 Jan 26, and nothing there; something on 7290 but could not tell what (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio PMR on 6240 at 2359 Jan 26 with presumed national anthem to close at 2400. Excellent signal. 7290 is already on at 2359 Jan 26 with silence followed by about 30 seconds of VOR interval signal to midnight then continuing past 0000 with usual ID and into news. Not quite as good a signal as 6240. Regards (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, UT Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK. 5030, Sarawak FM, 1335 + 1505, Jan 18. In vernacular; the earlier reception was poor, while later was up to fair; // 9835 was the opposite: stronger earlier on and weaker later. 9835 continues

with good audio. Jan 19 at 1051 both fair with reciting from the Qurían (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 9835, 11665: see MALAYSIA

** SARAWAK [non]. Re 11-03: 6205, Jan 20 at 1242, Malay-sounding conversation, flutter from R. Free Sarawak via TAJIKISTAN. Reception was much better 24 hours earlier, and there was not much signal here 0.5 hour earlier either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non non]. 9505, 19.1 1330, International Radio Serbia here with 10 kW and dipole antenna according to Svetomir Cuckovic via Bengt Ericson. Heard from 1330 with news in Serbian, 1400 news and cultural items in English, good signals (Ullmar Qvick, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

** SIKKIM. 4835.00, AIR-Gangtok, Sikkim: Open carrier came on at 0053, and immediately had the 1 kHz test tone to 0058. The AIR IS played till 0100. Extremely strong; was able to block out [4840] WWCR 90%. Singing national music till 0101, then F voice, announcements, ID in language, anmts, and into stringed instrument till 0104. More anmts by F voice, then music and singing to past 0106. Similar format heard to 0126, when badly faded (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, UT Jan 22, IC-756ProIII + 40-meter yagi and antenna tuner, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD) See also INDIA

** SINGAPORE. A couple of months ago, Radio Australia announced that they have been granted a shortwave license by the authorities in Singapore, and their programming to some countries in Asia is now on the air from a shortwave station at this new location. The silent shortwave facility operated previously by Radio Singapore International at Kranji has apparently been re-activated for this purpose (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Jan 16 via DXLD)

?? What do you mean, reactivated? Kranji has remained in heavy use with lots of VTC relays of BBC, DW, RNW, R. Japan too. Perhaps you are thinking that the separate R. Singapore International SW site has come back (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.87, 16.1 0835, SIBS in English, rather weak in the noise, only a mere S 3-4 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9385, WWRB, Jan 22 at 1449, Brother Scare with his insurmountable ego advises us to wait for him, The Overcomer, to proclaim when Passover will really begin this year, April 18 or 19, depending on sighting of the Moon. Attention, World Jewry!! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WWRB

BC-DX 999: UNIDENTIFIED 17580 English sermon of US preacher at 1448 UT Jan 22, S=2 weak signal, - used in A-10 by YFR via WER or ASC. Organ music at 1456-1458 UT.

This is Brother Stair 1400-1600 on 17580 WER 100 kW / 170 deg to CeAf, ex1500-1600 on 17485 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, via B¸schel, DXLD)

** SPAIN [and non]. 9765, Wed Jan 26 at 1347, routine check for the Basque semihour from REE via COSTA RICA: instead, Antonio Buitrago in Castilian with mailbag segment, reading reception reports on ``Amigos de la Onda Corta``! That`s the DX program normally aired only at two rather inconvenient times on weekends, one of which is 1330 Sundays. Also on // 17595 direct running a few words ahead before satellite delay. I suspect REE just grabbed a show to substitute for missing Euskera segment today, not a permanent change (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, Radio Sudan, Khartoum, 0615-0625, 23-01, male and female, vernacular, comments. 23322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. Re 11-03: 17745, Jan 19 at 1600, Sudan Radio Service ID names pronounced in English amid other language, colloquial Arabic? Also contact info, srs@edc.org and phone numbers not pronounced in English. Strumming instrument in background, F-G signal. This is daily 15-17, 250 kW, 114 degrees via Sines, PORTUGAL.

17700, weaker Jan 19 at 1602, very similar music in background of non-// announcement from the separate SRS hour for Darfur, per Aoki in Arabic, 16-17 daily except Fridays, 250 kW, 65 degrees from ASCENSION (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. 914, R. Nickerie is observed (Renato in mw-br @ yahoogrupos.com.br via ARC South American News Desk, Jan via DXLD)

Apparently replying to WRTH 2011 which says it is ``not heard``, nor the two other private MW stations. On such a rare split frequency, some signs of it ought to show up for NAm MW DXers; 3 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAM. 4990, Radio Apintie peaking at fair level in Dutch 0846 15/1, best level Iíve ever had on this low power operation. At 0857 drum tuning signal, then anthem and identification in Dutch, including website and studio address. Barely readable when rechecked at 0920 (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 3200, TWR Manzini the strongest 90 m African at 1738 9/1 with syndicated evangelist in English, fair. BBC Meyerton 3255 poor. Christian Voice Zambia 4965 fair, weak signal on 4949.77 perhaps Dunamis Uganda? (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, using AOR7030+ and EWEs to North, East and Southeast, targeting the Americas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. Next Edition of Media Network Plus January 29

Hi Everyone, Coming up on the next edition of Media Network Plus:

Results from a listeners poll we had running since December 28th, which will focus on he listening audience and what they think are the reasons for the changes that have taken place over the last 10 years in international broadcasting. Our guest on the program will be Victor Goonetilleke. First transmission times:

January 29 ñ 9955 kHz ñ 0200 UT (Caribbean/Latin America) webstream http://www.wrmi.net
January 29 ñ MV/FM ñ 0300 UT (Micronesia) webstream http://www.pcjmedia.com
January 29 ñ FM 90.5 fm ñ 0400 UT (Singapore) webstream http://www.pcjmedia.com
January 29 ñ MV/FM ñ 0600 UT (Micronesia) webstream www.pcjmedia.com
January 30 ñ Internet ñ 0600 UT webstream www.pcjmedia.com
January 30 ñ Internet ñ 1600 UT webstream www.pcjmedia.com

Radio Miami International also relays the program at various times after the first transmission. As does World FM in New Zealand, including a number of PCJ Partner Stations. Regards, (Paulette & Keith, Jan 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 9720, Radio Thailand on Jan 18th missing at 1230 for their sign-on but in with a very good signal at 1238 re-check with a man and woman reading the news and a man with "You're listening to Radio Thailand news" at 1244. This one is often late coming on at this time so you should check a few minutes later (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

[and non]. 9725, R. Thailand, with flutter, Jan 22 at 1407 YL with accented but clearly-enunciated world news in English, items about China, Lukashenko, 11-metre catamaran en route from Guam to Cebu missing. 1410 ending news, into feature on cable and satellite broadcasting in China, Bangkok. 1411 hit by open carrier atop, brief tone test at 1411.5. Likely tune-up by the next occupant of 9725, VOA Vietnamese via PHX, Tinang, Philippines, scheduled from 1500 (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9720, Radio Thailand. Udorn. 1240-1300 January 22, 2011. Excellent with English dual accented youthful females reading patter on the Thai Prime Minister, political party clashes, His Majesty the King message, etc. and mention that they will be back after this break (for what?). Well, then, oddly, a male canned voice-over Chevron quasi-advert: "The energy Chevron provides... That's the power of human energy... producing one-half the Kingdom's natural gas power that drives energy... Chevron... That's the power of human energy." Back to news items, including the resurgence of pig flu in those traveling from Hong Kong and Macao (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. The new government regulatory agency in charge of broadcasting will have its work cut out in bringing community stations in line with laws governing frequency allocation and advertisement
* Published: 23/01/2011 * Newspaper section: Spectrum

In rural areas throughout Thailand, hands more accustomed to holding hoes, knives and fishing nets are now occupied with communications equipment for community radio stations. The stations are becoming a part of the daily lives of farmers and fishermen who are exercising their right to freedom of expression as never before. . .
columnist Writer: Supara Janchitfah Position: Spectrum Reporter
Source: Bangkok Post, http://bit.ly/fUXOww
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** TIBET. 4905, Xizang PBS, Lhasa in English, 01/21 2240-2252 heard // 4920 (not checked on other frequencies); M/W reading news (with final "... and that's the news"); at 2242 Chinese pop song; M/W in English mentioned Tibet; other M talk in English (no much clear) till 2250; Chinese song; heard in SSB with fast QSB and strong statics; almost fair/poor (Serra-Italy)

4920, Xizang PBS, Lhasa in local language, 01/21 2203-2223 heard in // 4905 (fair) (not checked on other frequencies); Chinese pop song; W talk over John Lennon's "Imagine" music (mentioned Radio, Lhasa); at 2208 Chinese pop song; W brief announcement over music; Chinese song; M brief announcement over Chinese music pause; W talk over John Lennon's "Imagine"; local version of Imagination's "Just an illusion" song; best heard in LSB to null utes; moderate statics; fair - re-checked 2237-2240 with M/W reading news in English; poor/almost fair with QRM utes (Giovanni Serra, Roma, Italy, JRC NRD 525; Alpha Delta DX-SWL Sloper-S; RG 8 mini coaxial cable; JPS NIR 12 Noise &

Interference Reducer-Dual DSP outboard audio filter; Intek PS-35 5 ampere feeder; JRC ñ NVA 319 external loudspeaker unit; Yaesu YH ñ 77 STA stereo headphones;  Oregon Scientific radio controlled clock, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TUNISIA. You can listen to RTCI in French (the same service available on satellite in the U.S.) at: http://rtci.fm/
This station also has half-hour segments in German, Italian, Spanish and English (2000 UT). (Mike Cooper, GA, Jan 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, that was a bit of a letdown. Started listening before 2000 UT and there was good Spanish music and announcements, but 2000 French, only 3 minutes of news and back to music. Wonder when English really is, and if it was this way before the revolution/abdication. Glenn

Glenn: Sorry, I got the hours wrong. I believe it`s 1900 UT for English and 1930 for Spanish. Apologies for the confusion. I've never seen any sort of published schedule for RTCI. I only know the programming from listening. They sign off at 0100 UT with the Tunisian national anthem. (Not many broadcasters do this any more; my 9-year-old daughter can now identify this piece of music.) Before signing on at 0500 UT (I think it is), they run an hour of tone. Not sure I've ever actually heard the sign-on.

The Arabic Tunis on satellite seems to be 24 hours, I've never listened to much as it's talk or non-contemporary music.

The half-hour in English is a bit of a shambles. A few news items, mostly of the government pronouncement type, with lots of boring pop music as filler (Mike Cooper, ibid.)

12005, Jan 21 at 1558, nice orchestral ME music past 1600, no timesignal, 1601 talk in Arabic, poor, but no doubt RTT, as scheduled 1600-2000 here and typically turned on a few minutes earlier.

Still no English on SW, but Mike Cooper hears some on satellite, also webcast, believed to be scheduled at 1900-1930 via http://rtci.fm/ but it`s mostly music after a few minutes of news (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tunis seems to be running subdued music right now. I don't know if foreign language broadcasts or programming in general are in limbo at the moment. There is supposed to be a three-day mourning period in Tunisia for those killed in recent demonstrations, so this may affect programming. In general, the programming has been a bit more subdued in recent weeks. I didn't hear the usual heavy-metal rock show last night, for example (Mike Cooper, GA, 1904 UT Jan 21, WORLD OF RADIO

1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, just modern `classical` music before 1900, continuing without break, later traditional classical. Or maybe Friday is a regular day off? (gh, ibid.)

Glenn: No, I'm sure things are off kilter because of the mourning period or the events in general. They haven't had the normal variety of music programs in the past couple of weeks -- generally playing much blander contemporary music. And I haven't heard some of the usual announcer voices. Given that there's no ministry of communications or information anymore, they're probably in a real state of flux. I forget if the foreign-language programs air on the weekend or not. I don't listen to the English half-hour often as it's pretty boring (and conflicts with a good alternative-rock program on Polskie Radio 3 on weekdays that I get on the same satellite). (Mike Cooper, later Jan 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TUNISIA - Noted with tremendous signals (S9 + 20/30 dB)on 7345 from 2206 to 2306 close in Arabic. Had a special program with classic guitar music (reminiscent of Flamenco music) with a male announcer taking telephone calls from various people (assume it had to do with the problems there). At 2301, man spoke followed by a woman reading news (I think). (Finkle, K6EID, GA, Jan 22-24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7275, RTT, Jan 25 interrupted music at 0626:12, and cut off the air 10 sex later at 0626:22*, leaving carrier with little if any modulation, presumably R. Nigeria, Abuja (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TUNISIA. TUNISIA ARRESTS TV CHANNEL OWNER FOR ìTREASONî

Tunisia has arrested the owner of a private TV station and his son for ìgrand treasonî for inciting violence and working for ousted leader Zine al-Abidine Ben Aliís return, the state news agency said today.

ìThe owner of Hannibal TV (Larbi Nasra), who is a relative of the former presidentís wife, is using the channel to abort the youthís revolution, spread confusion, incite strife and broadcast false information,î a statement citing an authorised source said. ìThe aim is to create a constitutional vacuum, ruin stability and take the country into a vortex of violence that will bring back the dictatorship of the former president.î

The Tunisian news agency said Nasra and his son had been arrested ìto secure the nationís safety and the revolutionís successî. ìThey will be transferred to the justice system for prosecution over high treason

and conspiracy against the country,î the agency said.

Lutfi Salami, spokesman for the channel set up in 2005, declined to comment on the charges but said the state broadcasting authorities had stopped the stationís broadcasts. Like Tunisian state television, Hannibal has carried discussion shows about the uprising, ongoing demonstrations and future of the transitional government.

(Source: Reuters)(January 23rd, 2011 - 17:44 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

HANNIBAL TV RESUMES BROADCASTING IN TUNISIA AFTER SHORT INTERRUPTION

After a decision of the provisional Government of National Unity, Hannibal TV resumed its broadcasting on Sunday eveninga fter an interruption of a few hours. This interruption took place after the announcement, on Sunday, by an authorised source of the arrest of the owner of the channel and his son for ìhigh treasonî and ìconspiracyî against state security.

Just after the resumption of the broadcast, Ahmed Nejib Chebbi, Minister of Regional and Local Development appeared on the screen, saying that his presence in the headquarters of the Hannibal TV channel comes in response to instructions issued by Prime Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi to implement this decision.

ìIn my own name and on behalf of the Government which has entrusted me with this mission, we apologise for the interruption of the broadcasting of Hannibal TV channel, said Mr Chebbi. ìThis error is not politically assumed. That is why we have come to rectify the situation,î he added. The Government has not taken the decision to stop broadcasting of the channel, he pointed out, adding that despite the imbalance in terms of appearances on the different Tunisian channels, no action has been taken to address this situation.

Whatever the comments and assessment on performance of these channels, ìthis can by no means justify any constraint on freedom of opinion.î

(Source: TAP via tunisiaonlinenews.com) (January 24th, 2011 - 10:19 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) Cartago delenda est? (gh)

** TURKEY [and non]. 12035, Jan 22 at 1420, instrumental music with a clearly Christian tone, certainly not the kind of music VOT would ever play, altho surely in Turkish fill music at this minute toward the end of English broadcast. Yes, at 1422 W&M in Chinese, i.e. KSDA GUAM as scheduled 1400-1500, 100 kW, 300 degrees from Agat. There was however, a SAH of about 150/minute = 2.5 Hz, no doubt from poor VOT way

underneath. At least their first half-hour from 1330 should be in the clear (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. 4976, Radio Uganda (Kampala), 0426-0440, 1/23/2011, English. Pop music. Talk by man at 0427, sometimes joined by woman. Very weak signal with fading. Language was definitely English, but poor signal, noise, and somewhat muffled audio made content difficult to understand. It may have been a Sunday religious program. Also heard 1/25/2011, 0424-0434, with talk and pop music, and somewhat improved signal (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, E1, ICF-SW7600G, G6, Random Wire, ALA100M Loops, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. 3915, 10.1 1600, While checking if Fly is on (seems to be off since last October or so) I heard music --- and afterwards talk - and it seems this is UKRAINE! Calculating harmonics gives 5 x 783, and there it is on 783! (Tarmo Kontro. Espoo, Finland, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. Nothing heard today on 6030 from 1800 to 2000 and on 6140 at 2100-2200. Last week, in response to a listener who complained about the SW shut down to North America, RUI mentioned a ´ technical problem ª. Did someone recently hear the European frequencies? Best regards from France (JM Aubier Jan 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

How about the only English broadcast that was left on the schedule at 2000 on 6030? (gh, ibid.)

Two days ago I heard Voice of Russia in German on its Ukrainian frequency of 11655 (at about 1130 UT). But if I'm not mistaken, 6030 and 6140 are carried from a different transmitting center.

As discussed earlier, the term "technical problem" has a very broad meaning in Ukrainian and Russian. If RUI's programs are indeed off the SW, I'd suspect it's due to non-payments. 73! (Sergei S., Jan 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, ibid.)

** U S S R. While googling for something else I run into this "nostalgic" piece from People magazine (August 31, 1981, Vol. 16, No. 9). Just wanted to share it with you. Cheers, (Sergei S., dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

EX-NEW YORKER VLADIMIR POZNER IS MOSCOW'S MOUTHPIECE
http://www.people.com/people/archive/article/0,,20080097,00.html

Like any good PR man, Vladimir Pozner is a master of the firm handshake, the friendly smile and the practiced patter. To be sure, he

needs these attributes more than most promoters, since his product is a tough sellóthe Soviet Union.

As deputy editor in chief of Radio Moscow's English-language World Service, whose broadcasts blanket the globe, Pozner's job is, in his words, "to present the Soviet view in terms that are understandable to a broad American and Western audience." And no one is better qualified for this position, since he spent most of his boyhood in Manhattan.

Speaking in accent-free American English, Pozner, 47, has blossomed into an ambassador of the airwaves. Since June 1980 he has appeared five times on ABC's late-night news roundup, Nightline. "Quite to my surprise," Pozner says, "I've become a celebrity." One of his appearances was on an Emmy-winning program during the 1980 presidential election. "I got a letter from Roone Arledge," he reports, "but no statuette."

The road from American high school student to Soviet propagandist was predictably complex. Pozner was born in Paris in 1934 to a Russian father and a French mother. His parents worked in the Resistance until 1940, when they fled the Nazis to the U.S. Vladimir's father, who had been an employee of the French subsidiary of MGM, took a job in the film company's New York distribution office. At age 13, Vladimir was enrolled in rigorous Stuyvesant High School, and soon his espousal of Marxism, the political philosophy of his father, made the young student an object of derision. "I was called 'Red' and 'Commie,' " he remembers. "I got a political education."

At the height of the McCarthy era, Pozner claims, MGM told his father to become a U.S. citizen or he would be fired. Instead, the family moved to Moscow in 1953. For the 19-year-old Vladimir, the transition was surprisingly smooth. "Almost anyone emigrating to a new country remains a foreigner until he dies," he says. "I was lucky. I adapted to a different culture perfectly well. In short order, Vladimir became a Soviet citizen, got a degree in biology and took a job translating English poetry into Russian. He started work with the Novosti press agency in 1961 and joined Radio Moscow in 1970.

Part of Pozner's attraction to Western audiences is his willingness to criticize the Soviet systemómildly. "On most issues," he says, "I share the view of the Soviet government. But I've also made it clear that certain things I do not share." For example, he is opposed to capital punishment. Death sentences are common in the U.S.S.R. for murder, rape and embezzlement of public property. Pozner even concedes that the Soviet Union has suffered politically because of the invasion of Afghanistan.

Pozner's devotion to Soviet orthodoxy makes him a provocative

commodity on American television. "I enjoy matching wits with him," says Nightline host Ted Koppel. Meanwhile, the government of the U.S.S.R. seems to relish having a popular presence on U.S. TV. Being a celebrity, Pozner says, "seems to suit my people, and it seems to suit your people."

His private life is quite comfortable by Soviet standards. He and wife Catherine, a magazine art director, live in a five-room Moscow duplex with their two children, aged 19 and 21. The government-subsidized rent is only $21 a month. But in the comfort of his book-lined apartment, Pozner still manages to sound a bit capitalistic. When he talks about his ABC appearances, he jokes that after the network pays the Soviet government, his cut is only $140 per show. "If you ask me," he says, "that is not enough. But I guess everybody feels that way." Even in Socialist Paradise (via Sergei S., ibid.)

** U K. BBC WORLD SERVICE TO 'CUT UP TO 650 JOBS'
http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/jan/25/bbc-world-service-jobs

Unprecedented round of staff cuts expected as corporation seeks to make £50m of savings from international broadcasting operations

BBC Bush House in the Aldwych where staff will hold a 'vigil'. Photograph: Graham Turner for the Guardian [caption}

Staff at the BBC World Service are braced for an unprecedented round of cuts to be announced tomorrow, with job losses of about 650 ñ more than 25% of its workforce.

The overhaul will include the closure of foreign language services and sweeping cuts to broadcasts on shortwave radio.

Total job losses are expected to be up to 650 ñ out of an overall World Service workforce of about 2,000 ñ as the corporation seeks to make £50m of savings. The World Service is facing a 16% budget cut between now and 2014 imposed as part of the government comprehensive spending review.

It is anticipated that five foreign language services will be closed and a number of others will be scaled back. The cuts are due to be announced by BBC World Service director Peter Horrocks tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow's World Service cuts will take the number of BBC job cuts announced this week up to about 1,000, following Monday's news of 360 post closures in BBC Online.

More redundancies will follow as other areas of the BBC inform staff

of their plans to meet director general Mark Thompson's overall target of 20% budget cuts, with total job losses expected to top 2,000.

The National Union of Journalists has called on MPs to conduct an urgent review of the changes which it said would do "irreparable damage" to the World Service.

In a letter to culture select committee chairman John Whittingdale, an NUJ representative said it was "fighting for the very existence of a style of journalism that has brought hope to countless millions of people across the world".

"What will be announced tomorrow is nothing short of a tragedy," said the union official in the letter. "I hope that you will give us your full support to stop this act of vandalism."

World Service journalists and production staff will hold a "vigil" at the Aldwych entrance of its Bush House headquarters tomorrow lunchtime in the wake of the management announcement.

The BBC will take over the funding for the World Service when the current financial agreement ends in 2014, one of the conditions of the recent licence fee settlement that will see the corporation take a 16% cut in funding over six years (via Kevin Redding, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

** U K. BBC WORLD SERVICE TO CUT FIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES
25 January 2011 Last updated at 14:50 ET

The BBC World Service is to close five of its language services.

It is thought that about 650 jobs will be lost from a workforce of some 2,400. It is believed staff will be informed on Wednesday of the redundancies.

The Macedonian, Albanian and Serbian services will be axed, as will English for the Caribbean and Portuguese for Africa, in a bid to save £46m a year. . .
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-12277413
(via Dean Bonnano, Carlos Coimbra, DXLD; Mike Terry, dxldyg, WORLD OF RADIO 1549)

English to Caribbean = 1215-1300 UT M-F on WHRI 9410, GUF 11860, but not clear exactly when that will be going off (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

Further details from the FT at [free registration required]
http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/d6fb6314-28c4-11e0-aa18-00144feab49a.html#axzz1C5iQqtl9

which says the Russian service will continue, but will no longer be on SW, and that the Chinese service will be mainly aimed at an audience outside China (Chris Greenway, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ha, in probably vain attempt to get the ChiCom to stop jamming (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

"THE WORLD SERVICE CAN SURVIVE THESE CUTS" === By Mark Thompson, Director-general of the BBC 11:00 PM GMT 25 January 2011

Today will be a painful day for the BBC and for the millions of people around the globe who value the World Service. This morning, we are announcing a series of cuts that have been made necessary by last autumn's Comprehensive Spending Review. We will do our best to minimise the consequences, but they will inevitably have a significant impact on the audiences who use and rely upon the relevant services, as well as on those of our colleagues who work on them. We understand the broader economic and fiscal context that has led to the reduction in the funding of the World Service, but these are still cuts that we would prefer not to have to make.

The cuts have nothing to do with the licence fee settlement which was reached between the BBC and the Government in the autumn. Under that settlement, responsibility for funding the World Service will transfer to the licence fee in 2014. But for the next three years, the BBC World Service will be funded, as it has been for decades, by a "grant-in-aid" from the Foreign Office. It is this grant which is being cut.

And so today we are announcing the closure of some foreign language services in their entirety, the reduction of others to a web presence alone, as well as significant cuts to the English language radio service - both reductions in programmes and in distribution.

The World Service is rightly considered a jewel in the crown of the United Kingdom. For generations, it has been a source of news, unvarnished and unbiased, to listeners in democracies and in dictatorships alike. For those who lived behind the Iron Curtain or who live today under other repressive regimes it has been a beacon of light - a source of truth and impartial analysis in a sea of propaganda and censorship.

In 2011, the BBC has other important global news services which are funded not through grant-in-aid, but commercially. BBC World News and bbc.com each have audiences of many tens of millions, audiences which are growing rapidly around the world. Though their funding model is commercial, they share the same public service objectives and values that inspired the founders of the World Service back in the 1930s.

But the World Service still has a unique and precious role within the family of BBC international services. It still broadcasts the English language World Service on the radio around the clock and around the world, as well as offering numerous foreign language services on the radio, the web and - since the launch of the BBC Arabic and BBC Persian TV services - on television, too.

The World Service is one of the leanest parts of the whole BBC. It has been cutting costs and meeting tough efficiency targets for years. That is why the cuts and the impact on jobs at the World Service are so deep.

What can the Licence Fee and the rest of the BBC do to help? Our governing body, the BBC Trust, has agreed to use some Licence Fee funds before 2014 to mitigate the impact of the CSR cuts - some £20 million to support the World Service's restructuring costs and additional funds to offset pension deficit repayments. Co-siting of the World Service alongside our domestic news operations in the new Broadcasting House should help us identify fresh efficiencies and make the grant-in-aid go further. And, once full Licence Fee funding for the World Service begins in three years' time, we hope to increase funding once again - although we will not be able to return it to pre-CSR levels.

All of that still leaves us with some difficult choices. The pattern of news consumption is changing around the world. Shortwave radio is in steep decline almost everywhere - already, FM rebroadcast is critical for reaching audiences in many countries. Use of TV, the web and mobile phones are on the rise almost everywhere. In some countries, where once the BBC World Service was a lifeline, free indigenous media makes our role less critical. Elsewhere, jamming or changing media use leaves some BBC services with marginal audiences.

We have borne all these factors in mind as we have decided on our priorities. The changes we are announcing today are consistent with our long-range international goals and strategy - although the scale of the reduction in funding means that in many cases we are withdrawing services and distribution much more rapidly than we or our existing audiences would wish.

Supporters of the international role of the BBC should not despair. Our global TV and online presence is growing, and in many parts of the world the BBC is a more influential and widely heard voice today than at any point in our history. Across the globe, the audiences which will be lost to the BBC because of today's announcements may be made up by new TV and web audiences. From 2014 onwards, the licence fee should provide more secure and more politically independent funding

for the World Service, while closer integration with our home news services should drive even better value.

But for all that, we should not underestimate the scale of the impact of today's announcements, both for the hard-working and totally committed teams who deliver the World Service day in and day out and on the audiences they serve.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/bbc/8281797/The-World-Service-can-survive-these-cuts.html

(Also see reader comments) (via Mike Terry, dxldyg; also via Dan Say, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

** U K. Broadcast, 24 January 2011: Up to 360 jobs are to be cut at BBC Online, as a result of its plan to reduce operations by 25%. (Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non?]. UNIDENTIFIED. 5910 unlisted, country? BBC, 0109 Jan 25. English with news about Moscow airport bombing. Good (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RRI in Romanian is listed here (gh, DXLD)

** U K. 7410, Jan 24 at 0632 good signal in German, DW, 250 kW, 170 degrees from Woofferton.

7425, Jan 24 at 0632, good signal in Russian, BBC, 500 kW, 62 degrees from Rampisham (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. A MESSAGE FROM PETER MOORE, STATION MANAGER, RADIO CAROLINE: 18 January 2011

For many decades Radio Caroline has provided enjoyment for millions, whilst never doing any harm whatsoever. And yet, successive governments went to great effort to close the station and we used equal efforts to thwart them.

As with many conflicts, a stage may need to be reached where we all say 'what exactly are we fighting about?'.

Ronan O'Rahilly said to me a long time since. 'You know, through all these years, they (the government) have never come and said, hey, you guys aren't so bad, can't we talk about this?'.

So now we are saying it.

To reduce the matter to basics, we just want a piece of paper that says we can switch on one AM frequency. You would have to think that with over 250 AM transmitters sending signals around the UK already, there has to be opportunity for one more, as indeed there is.

Yes, we are asking for something not presently catered for in UK radio regulations, but we did not write the regulations and in any case they do not make that which we wish for technically impossible nor unjustified.

We ask to be treated as a special case since, WE ARE a special case. More than that, we are unique.

I am sure that within the radio regulator Ofcom, there is no specific animosity towards Radio Caroline, but equally I am sure they do not want to give us what we want. One reason is that to make a concession to us might open the door to other organisations also seeking special treatment. The simple fact is that no other radio station has our history and can elicit such a response the world over, we have given so much to British culture and yet have taken nothing in return. Further there may be protest from existing operators already broadcasting to the area that we will cover. This is why we have highlighted the diminishing commercial value of AM and have pointed out that it is not our intention to compete. Apart from the first few years of our life the station has never been about delivering a profit to shareholders, it has remained a radio station designed to be different.

Then there is the worry that if we use an AM channel in a lively and popular way, it will further shake the foundations of that teetering house of cards that is DAB Radio.

Lastly, accommodating us would require work, effort and aggravation. How much better would it be if we just gave up and went away.

Presently Ofcom are, and have been, making suggestions to us that represent no serious possibility for progress, whilst appearing to the outside observer as being helpful. They are still circulating the 'lack of frequencies' argument, which we feel is spurious.

So, without making this personal, we just need to follow every path suggested even if just so show that it is, and always was, a blind alley. We need to politely dismantle every argument and every barrier until, with increasing support, a tipping point is reached where it is easier to give us what we want than to deny it.

One cannot get too 'Churchillian' about this. It is not life and death, nor is fate of nations hanging on it. It is just a radio

station after all.

But, Churchill did not beat Hitler by ranting and raving at the man, he just took him apart little by little. Also he said 'Keep Calm And Carry On'.

So, let us do that. Peter Moore. (Facebook) (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U S A. CREATORS OF VOA SHOW TO IRAN INVITED ON ìTHE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART" Washington, DC ó January 19, 2011 ó

The creators of a Voice of America TV program broadcast to Iran called Parazit, which has drawn comparisons to The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, are to appear on Stewartís Comedy Central show Thursday to discuss their programís satirical look at Iranian politics and politicians.

Audiences canít seem to get enough of the Farsi language program, which airs for 30 minutes every Friday and is produced at VOAís Persian News Network (PNN) headquarters in Washington and sent by satellite directly to Iranian homes.

Last month, about 19 million people went to Parazitís Facebook page to catch the irreverent humor of host and writer Kambiz Hosseini and Saman Arbabi the co-creator and executive producer, who in the past three weeks have been profiled by the Washington Post, CNN International, and National Public Radio.

VOA Director Danforth W. Austin says he is ìnot surprisedî by the attention Parazit (it means ìstaticî in English) is getting. He says, ìThe show resonates with people in Iran, because it talks about issues and policies that are not discussed in the government-controlled media, and it does so in an entertaining, humorous way.î

Despite Iranian government efforts to block the VOA website and satellite signal, Iranians find ways to see the weekly program, most notably via the internet with proxy servers and through social media sites like Facebook and YouTube.

Since October, the number of Parazitís Facebook friends has doubled to nearly a quarter-million.  The number of page views for the showís Facebook site in December also nearly doubled to nearly 19 million, up from about ten million in October.

For the latest news from the Voice of America, visit our main website at http://www.voanews.com where you will also find links to all 44 VOA language sites, including The Persian News Network, PNN (VOA press

release Jan 19 via DXLD)

When? Already on the Jan 20 edition starting 18 minutes in, repeating several times thru early UT Jan 22, possibly Monday too on Comedy Central (gh)

Also, Glenn, on ABC2 TV at 7:15 (0815 UT) Friday 21st. No commercials too (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, ibid.)

VOA's "Parazit" has a great night on "The Daily Show." And a little "static" of my own. Posted: 22 Jan 2011
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10524

The Daily Show, 20 Jan 2011, host Jon Stewart interviewing Kambiz Hosseini, host, and Saman Arbabi, executive producer of VOA Persian News Network's "Parazit" ("Static"): Arbabi: "There's two types of people, Those who liove and those who really hate us. We cater to the ones who really love us. And, obviously, the ones that hate us ... are the reason we actually do the show. ..."

Hosseini: "We do specifically Iranian politics. Honestly, we do not care so much about American politics. We live in Washington! ..."

Stewart: "You're like our show, but with real guts. And I'm proud to be considered in the fraternity of humorists that you guys are in, and I'm honored to have you on the show." See also Washington Post, blogPost, 21 Jan 2011, James Buck.

Washington Post, 22 Jan 2011, Tara Bahrampour: "It wouldn't have been an Iranian encounter without elaborate compliments on each side. 'I can see the passion in what you do and it's very engaging,' Stewart said. 'It's all you, Jon,' Hosseini said. Then, genuflecting, he added, 'You are the prophet, you are the prophet, you are the prophet.'"

NPR On the Media, 14 Jan 2011: "BOB GARFIELD: Iranian state television did a completely irony-free report on the recommended hairstyles. [IRANIAN TV CLIP/AUDIO UP AND UNDER] How did you handle it on your show? KAMBIZ HOSSEINI : The state media runs so much garbage like that, that people have become immune to it. So we basically take that stuff, turn it around and we give it back to our audience, saying, look guys, we know youíre used to hearing this stuff, but seriously, let's listen to this carefully one more time. Is this acceptable? And thatís where the humor kicks in. ...

"BOB GARFIELD: But it is a VOA show so, literally speaking, you guys are agents of the government of the United States. How does that affect your credibility with your audience? SAMAN ARBABI: We've earned

our audienceís trust because we've never taken sides with anyone. We've criticized Obama in the past. We've also criticized the Green Movement within Iran, the opposition leaders. So we've g - we've gained our credibility by just being balanced." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

If that balance is implemented often enough that the audience notices it, VOA's credibility may remain intact. (Stewart noted that in the Parazit "Good, Bad, and Ugly" segment that he viewed, the bad was the leader of the Revolutionary Guard, and the ugly was Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. No "balance" in this particular sample.)

There is no need for quotas -- the Iranian audience is more interested in Iran than in the United States, and the Tehran regime is probably a more fruitful target for satire than the opposition. Nevertheless, occasional humor about US politics, at the expense of both Democrats and Republicans, would send a powerful message about freedom of expression in the United States, and about VOA's independence.

It gives me no pleasure to have some misgivings about Parazit, because my PhD dissertation (An Alternative Programming Strategy for International Radio Broadcasting, University of Minnesota, 1979) hypothesized that lighter, more entertaining fare would bring larger audiences and more impact for international broadcasting. Parazit supports that premise. We must not forget, however, that credible news is still the main reason audiences seek international broadcasts. Every effort must be made to protect that credibility.

See previous post about the same subject (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

There may be a dark side to all the publicity is getting from Parazit. If the program is a "satirical look at Iranian politics and politicians," and only Iranian politics and politicians, then the viewers of The Daily Show will perceive VOA as a station that does propaganda against the governments of its target countries (Kim, ibid.)

** U S A [and non]. VOA ELIMINATES INDONESIAN AND VIETNAMESE SHORTWAVE, REDUCES MANDARIN AND FRENCH.
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10550

On 15 January 2011, the Voice of America ended shortwave transmissions in Indonesian and Vietnamese, and reduced shortwave in Mandarin and French (to Africa).

Indonesian was at 0000-0030, 1130-1230, 1400-1500 and 2200-2400 UTC. VOA Indonesian has its largest audience by way of its television programs seen on Indonesian stations. These and VOA radio rebroadcasts

in Indonesia continue.

Vietnamese was 1300-1330, 1500-1600 and 2230-2330 UTC. VOA Vietnamese has larger audiences via its medium wave frequencies, which were (and presumably still are) 1575 kHz via Thailand at 1300-1330 and 1170 kHz via the Philippines at 1500-1600. Audio via Asiasat and the internet also continues. -- But does the transmission at 2230-2330 UT, now devoid of any terrestrial frequencies, continue?

Mandarin shortwave is eliminated at 0100-0300 (09.00-11.00 China time) and 0700-0900 (15.00-17.00 China time). These are not prime listening times in China, and most VOA Mandarin programming during these hours is repeats. Audio streams via internet and satellite continue during these hours. VOA Mandarin continues on shortwave eight hours per day.

For French-to-Africa, leased shortwave transmissions at 0530-0630 (Mon-Fri) and at 2030-2100 (Sat-Sun) UT are eliminated.

Which frequencies continue for French and other VOA languages? No way to know (unless you are fluent in 44 languages), as VOA no longer has a schedule of transmissions in all languages available at voanews.com (Kim Andrew Elliott, Jan 25, kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD; also via Dragan Lekic, dxldyg)

Wonder what effect this might have on Radio Netherlands future plans for their Indonesian service? (Steve Luce, Houston, TX, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. VOA`s ``Jazz America`` is still missing from what used to be its best frequency by far, 9760 via Tinang, PHILIPPINES, Sunday January 23 at 1341, with announcement about some figure`s birthday, but poorly audible on 7575 and 9640.

Latest HFCC still shows 9760 on the air Sat & Sun only at 13-14, but 250 kW, 283 degrees from Tinang unlike later, 15-16 at 21 degrees USward, so is it really on at 13? I don`t think so; even aimed westward we should still be able to hear some of it.

After all, 9640 was audible, and that is also Tinang, 250 kW at 270 degrees. And so is 7575, 250 kW at 332 degrees, both on the air this hour only Sat & Sun for Jazz America.

FWIW, says the program page
http://www.voanews.com/english/programs/radio/64963177.html
``VOA Shortwave Saturdays & Sundays 1300-1400 GMT/UTC
Frequencies: 7.575, 9.64, 9.76 & 11.705 mhz``
Did not check 11705, but I certainly have not noticed it there either as I tune around, nor is it in HFCC.

At least ``Jazz America`` is still on SW somewhere! VOA will not be caught dead airing a sesquiminute of classical or Broadway music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. RADIO FREE ASIA JOURNALIST, FIRED FOR TWEETS ABOUT CLINTON INTERNET FREEDOM SPEECH, REINSTATED AFTER ARBITRATION.
Posted: 25 Jan 2011
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10547

Law.com, 24 Jan 2011, Carla Rozycki and Emma Sullivan: "In Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild, Local 32035 & Radio Free Asia, Arb. (Fishgold, Nov. 9, 2010), ... a reporter who was terminated for insubordination and for violating Radio Free Asia's code of journalistic ethics based on his Twitter posts directed toward two subjects of a story he had written filed a grievance alleging unjust termination. After the employee posted several tweets responding to postings made by the subjects of his story, his supervisor instructed him to stop tweeting on the issue. Subsequently, the employee sent a final tweet stating that his boss had instructed him to stop tweeting. Finding that the supervisor's instructions lacked clarity and that the supervisor had aggravated the situation by refusing to allow the employee to change portions of his story, the arbitrator ordered reinstatement with back pay, seniority and benefits." See also Lexology, 21 Jan 2011.

Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild, 10 Nov 2010 (pdf): "In his ruling, the arbitrator made it clear he gave little weight to RFA's claims [the employee] had been told not to Tweet with the two bloggers. [The employee] testified at the arbitration hearing that his service chief ... told him just the opposite. He in fact kept her posted of what he was doing and relayed his tweets to her. She never objected to his Tweeting until after RFA higher-ups -- instigated in part by the State Department -- called the Tweets into question. RFA also claimed [the] Tweets had violated the company's conflict of interest policy and code of journalistic ethics. Again, the arbitrator disagreed, though he did say in the future Ho should not engage in a public debate with news sources."

The Newspaper Guild, 1 Dec 2010: "The irony is that the seasoned journalist whose job hung in the balance for nearly 10 months ... was fired for his coverage of a speech about internet freedom. A highly regarded 10-year veteran who had racked up several awards for his reporting ... nevertheless was fired last February after video-recording, tweeting and writing about an event at which Secretary of State Hillary Clinton briefly interacted with two Chinese bloggers." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A. 9955, Thu Jan 20 at 1606, WORLD OF RADIO 1548 audible from

WRMI, poor signal but not jammed. Next chance 2200 probably will be jammed. Rely on: UT Fri 0430 on WWRB 3185, 2130 on WWCR 7465, et al.

WORLD OF RADIO 1548 monitoring: confirmed on 3185 WWRB and webcast after 0430 UT Friday Jan 21. Also on 9955 WRMI at 1556 Jan 21, poor but not jammed, with overload from 9980 more of a problem, just as gh was citing the Media Network item about the Stinson family in Lebanon, Virginia, Baptist, saying they are going to put on a new worldwide multilingual SW station, God having provided funding.

Next WOR chances on WRMI: Sat 0900, 1500, 1830; Sun 0900, 1630, 1830. On WWCR: Fri 2130 on 7465, Sat 1700 on 12160, Sun 0730 on 3215. Also on the ACB Radio Mainstream webcast every two hours Friday thru 2430, confirmed at 1800 via http://www.acbradio.org

WORLD OF RADIO 1548 monitoring: Friday Jan 21 at 2145, back on WWCR 7465, very strong, and this is the transmitter with squeal, plus spur slightly below 7450, putting het on Greece.

I missed checking Sat Jan 22 at 1700 on 12160 to confirm whether that had been resumed as promised; did anyone hear it? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Eureka! Delighted to report that WOR was back on WWCR today at 1700 on 12160, since that's my best time to listen. Keep warm, Glenn and very 73 de (Anne Fanelli in wintry Elma NY, DX LISTENING DIGESET)

WORLD OF RADIO 1548 monitoring. Tnx to Anne Fanelli, NY who confirms we were back on WWCR 12160 Saturday at 1700, her favorite time to listen.

On WRMI 9955: audible with poor-fair signal Sunday Jan 23 at 1645 check, and with fast SAH which per Aoki is Family Radio in Russian, 15-17, 250 kW, 352 degrees from Tainan, Taiwan. But no jamming.

1710 recheck, 9955 now has heavy jamming equal to the level on 9965 against R. Rep˙blica. DentroCubans must be protected from English broadcasts such as UN Radio Calling Asia, on the WRN relay schedule Sundays at 1700, to include WOR at 1830 and much more (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 6940, Jan 21 at 0611, weak mix of two WWCR programs, 3 and 4, even when switched to full attenuation, from excessively strong signals on 4840 leaping over 5890 another 1050 kHz higher. A frequency pirates should therefore avoid between 02 and 12 UT.

5890, WWCR, Brother Scare missing Jan 23 at 0618 on huge carrier, but some low audio from DGS // 5935. As far as I can tell, 5890 is axually

transmitting such audio, nor merely caused by receiver overload, as it remains with attenuation, detuning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9385, Jan 24 at 1458, still no WWRB with Brother Scare, but still audible on 3185. QSY time varies widely between 13 and 15 UT, it seems, depending on when someone wakes up or gets to work (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9405, Jan 20 at 0702, no signal detectable, not even a JBA carrier from WINB; is it still there? Meanwhile, FBN 9370v = WTJC ranked a steady S9+20 but quite undermodulated.

WINB continues raiding programming already on other SW stations: 13570, Jan 20 at 1425 ad for a `patriot` internet anonymizer, 1426 ``The Power Hour``, already on WWCR 7490 and 13845. But it`s not parallel! Same subject, gardening discussed, and I eventually calculate that WINB is running 2 minutes and 2 seconds behind WWCR! Which explains why Joyce Riley gave a 2-minute-late timecheck. The audio of this on WINB has some of that annoying processing, which is exacerbated on WWCR. WINB carrier as always unstable, but VG signal strength now.

øIs this reflected on the WINB program schedule at http://www.winb.com/schedule.htm
Of course not, even tho it`s updated to January 2, still claiming that Good Friends Radio Network runs M-F straight thru from 13 to 20 UT, Sat 15-22, and on 9405 at 0330-1130 seven nights a week. That didn`t last very long.

øWhat about http://www.thepowerhour.com/
Nothing found about WINB there; only mentions 7.490 for SW, and live time is 7-10 am CST [13-16 UT, M-F only presumably]. Still going on 13570 at 1506.

9405, inaudible 24 hours earlier, but Jan 21 at 0632, WINB is S9+22, discussion in echoey hall about conversion, one preacher saying 50-70% of his myriad congregation in an Hispanic area are ex-Roman Catholix.

WINB programming is changing from one day to the next. Are they all mixed up, or giving trial runs to potential clients?? Jan 20 we were surprised to find The Power Hower on 13570 as well as on WWCR 7490 and 13845, but Jan 21 not so:

At 1346 on 13570, some preacher, unseems Radio 2:11 style, but WBCQ 9330-CUSB inaudible and presumably not yet on for comparison. 1358 outro as Call to Worship, http://www.calltoworship.org and Michigan address. 1359 WINB ID, 1400 to another preacher. Not checked again

until 1508 and now WINB is in Spanish! Not previously at this hour, Bible reading, also from YFR? At 1553, ``welcome to 66-40`` gospel huxter in English, mentions Psalms, so name derives from such a verse? No, this explains it, at http://www.khouse.org/6640_cat/ ---

``66/40 with Chuck Missler, Getting Serious about the Bible
The great discovery is that the Bible is a message system: itís not simply 66 books penned by 40 authors over thousands of years, the Bible is an integrated whole which bears evidence of supernatural engineering in every detail!`` Yeah, right.

Meanwhile I keep checking 9330 for WBCQ. Still nothing at 1513, but at 1555 it is on running 10 sex behind WINB 13570, so both must now be Radio 2:11 from Good Friends Radio Network. I suppose some of the foregoing could also have been under GFRN aegis (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WBCQ has been missing some airtime; problems there? Friday Jan 21 at 2148 no signal on 7415, still nothing at 2204 when ``Behaviour Night`` should be on. Must have come on shortly, as next check at 2300 BN`s antique music is still playing until 2305 WBCQ ID, so running 5 minutes late. Then William Tell Overture, and we know what that means: Allan Weiner Worldwide at an unscheduled fill time, and then he starts talking about the wonderful medium of radio.

At first I wondered if WBCQ had more ``available time slot`` when they just turn off the transmitter like Thursdays 2200-2415 UT but the current sked at
http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=7415
still shows on Friday:
Fr 7415 04:00PM 05:00PM ET 2100 2200 UTC Financial Survival
Fr 7415 05:00PM 06:00PM ET 2200 2300 UTC Behavior Night
Fr 7415 06:00PM 07:00PM ET 2300 0000 UTC Antenna4
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9370-, Jan 21 at 1244, WTJC playing military music medley including Anchors Aweigh, Marine Hymn, Off We Go; undermodulated. Have heard them do this before, apparently a regular patriotic feature (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11715-, KJES not heard much lately, but audible Jan 21 at 1602 with a few Spanish kids singing with guitar accompaniment, steady S9+18 but undermodulated, no QRM. 1604 to adult M in Spanish apparently citing some 10 Commandments, including about ox, male and female slave (``buey, esclavo y esclava``).

That would be from #10 about coveting, translated into KJV English as ``manservants, maidservants``, as by then the Christians could not be

seen as condoning slavery! See
http://www.positiveatheism.org/crt/whichcom.htm
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

{Later: what am I saying? Slavery was just fine in the era of King James; revisionism applied more recently or did he really say that?}

** U S A. 15550-USB, Jan 23 at 1402, ``Rock of Ages`` instrumental hymn, partially demodulated by co-channel weak signal from Iran`s Arabic service which runs until 1630, 500 kW, 295 degrees from Sirjan. WJHR presumably just signed on, boldly taking on the superpower competitor; soon into talk about sin. Also a problem: splash from Portugal 15560, on air only on weekends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9540, Jan 20 at 1250 strong open carrier. Likely WHRI, which is registered at 13-15 daily, but only uses it a fraxion of that time on weekends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. MAY 21 IS SAID TO BE THE END OF THE WORLD
By David O'Reilly, Inquirer Staff Writer
Philadelphia Inquirer Monday, January 17, 2011

Soon it will be spring again. The snow will melt, the dogwoods flower. Trumpets will blast, graves will open, and Earth will begin a five-month descent to its fiery end.

Radio evangelist Harold Camping can hardly wait. May 21 is Judgment Day, when "this world will be a horror story beyond anything we can imagine," he asserts.

A fixture on Christian airwaves here and around the world, Camping, 89, is exhorting all who are listening to "make ready" for Jesus' triumphal return, whose precise date he says God has revealed to him with "fantastic proof" in the Bible.

End-of-timers generally have been fixated on the doomsday date of Dec. 21, 2012 - when the "Long Count" calendar of the ancient Maya ends and, presumably, the world with it.

There won't even be a 2012, according to Camping. His website displays the number with a red slash through it.

Just as the Wright brothers figured out flying, Camping has predicted Judgment Day where so many others have failed, said Chris McCann, 49, of Darby, a married father of four who retired from his job in the mailroom at a financial-services company.

McCann is so confident of Camping's prediction that he and 20 others, most from the Philadelphia region, spent 10 days in Ireland and Scotland this month distributing thousands of May 21 tracts.

"This will be the day," he said.

In a phone interview last week from his Oakland, Calif., office, Camping warned that those who do not accept his complex calculations, including even devout Christians, will face "sudden destruction" when Jesus returns.

Although many have lacked Camping's down-to-the-minute surety, predictions of time's end have been burbling up almost since time began, notes University of Wisconsin history professor Paul Boyer, a scholar of apocalypticism.

"Prophetic belief gives order and shape to human experience, and meaning and drama to history," he said last week. "We need beginnings. We need endings . . . Each generation somehow finds evidence that the end times are upon us."

He cited St. Paul; the medieval abbess Hildegard of Bingen; the English Pilgrims; the 19th-century founders of Jehovah's Witness and Seventh-day Adventism. Philadelphia's own the Rev. Donald Barnhouse, one of the first radio evangelists, warned for decades that the end was near, without getting specific.

Essentially, Camping argues that May 21, 2011, is "exactly 7,000 years after 4990 B.C., when the (great) flood began," and that these 7,000 years mirror the seven days God gave Noah to warn the world to get ready for destruction.

At the end of the new warning period, "there will be a huge earthquake the likes of which has never been had in history," he said in the interview, "and the graves will be opened all over the world."

Five months later, on Oct. 21, "the entire universe will be annihilated."

Quite a few others are making a prediction of their own: The sage of Oakland will wake up embarrassed on May 22.

"We joke about it," said the Rev. J.A. Jones, longtime pastor of Nazarene Baptist Church in Camden, N.J., whose large church sits just blocks away from Camping's local radio station, WKDN-FM.

Many of his parishioners have heard Camping's warnings, Jones said, and asked him anxiously if the May 21 date is true.

"I tell them, 'No, but if you're so concerned, why don't you deed us your house and car?' and then they laugh. ... Everyone who ever made those predictions got egg on their faces," Jones said.

The 38,000-watt WKDN is one of 66 stations in Camping's Family Radio network, which includes many more small "translator" stations and broadcasts globally in 60 languages via shortwave. He said he had "no idea" how large the network's audience might be.

An employee at WKDN, who asked not be identified, said "not everyone here is on board" with Camping's May 21 date for Armageddon.

Not so Allison Warden of Raleigh, N.C. A Camping disciple, she has not only created a website, wecanknow.com, but through solicitations and donations she and her four-person team have mounted billboards in 10 cities, including Nashville, Atlanta and Detroit, where Camping's radio message is not heard. "Save the date!" the signs advise. "The return of Christ: May 21, 2011."

"It's amazing to think you're alive when Christ is coming back," Warden said last week. "It's sort of surreal, but very exciting. This is the fulfillment of everything people in the New Testament era have looked forward to."

The Rev. Derek Morris, editor the Seventh-day Adventist Church's clergy magazine, Ministry, said he understands the excitement of believers like Warden and McCann.

"It's a natural human desire, if we believe the Lord Jesus is going to return, to want to know when," he said.

But Adventism's 19th-century founder, New York farmer William Miller, "learned the hard way," said Morris, when he predicted the end would come between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844. After the latter date passed without "the dear Lord" appearing, Miller made repeated revisions, but on his final attempt, Oct. 22, he conceded he had erred.

The day became known among his followers (and former followers) as "The Great Disappointment." Camping does not intend to be disappointed. He has no plans for May 21 other than to "watch and wait," he said.

He scoffed when asked how he might feel if he wakes up on May 22. "I would be disobeying God if I say there's a possibility of that," he said. "I mean it with all my heart. There's no possibility -- none, none, none -- that it will not happen." (via Mike Cooper, dxldyg via

DXLD)

What will Harold Camping say on May 22nd when the rapture doesn't happen on the 21st???? ;-)

P.S. Family Radio apparently just bought a new FM transmitter for their outlet in Tampa Bay. You'd think they'd not worry about such things, if the "end is near." 73s (David Sharp, NSW Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

David, Do you think he might stop broadcasting on shortwave? His transmitter is about 20 miles north of me and his signal is too strong sometimes (Chuck Bolland, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, across Lake Okeechobee, ibid.)

Hi Chuck, Doubt seriously WYFR will cease broadcasting after 21 May. I'm really curious to know what their excuse will be on 22 May! ;-) (David Sharp, NSW, ibid.)

I think the way these things work is that on May 22nd they will find the error in their calculations and announce the new end date. Repeat the process until it stops making money J (Mike Mayer, ibid.)

Probably the same thing he said back in 1994. After his failed date in 1994, he proclaimed 3 or 4 other dates before giving up. Then in 2000, he proclaimed the church age ended in 1988 (12 years after the fact). Funny, right around that time is when many of the other shows like Unshackled left Family Radio.

I do remember the day after the 1994 prediction, Camping had a brand new bible study program running. Harold Camping claims we have been in the great tribulation since 1988. Funny, it's been good for a lot of people. He could always pull the "invisible" return of God like the Jehovah Witnesses said (gpsblake, ibid.)

I like the way you think. Perhaps it'll happen like this: God'll upload just Camping and the radio stations will be Left Behind for the rest of us; then God'll have a headcrash (Clara Listensprechen, ibid.)

How many times do people have to be disappointed? One will learn the day or the hour by watching and waiting. I hear Hal Lindsey say that Jesus is coming very soon but how soon is very soon? I am amazed by fact that God is getting together the alliances and the conditions that will make the tribulation period like something you read in the newspapers and on the TV news. Ask yourself if it is the truth that Bro Camping is spreading or whether his exegesis is based on error? My perusal of Brother Camping's documentation shows a lot of error and a lot of assumptions that are wrong and has come to pass.

But assuming he is right or wrong my assumption is that no one man knows the date or the hour that Jesus will come back and God knows where it comes in his schedule. There is so much to be fulfilled and so much that is waiting for fulfillment that only God and Jesus knows when the church will be taken out. If Brother Camping is right we will know instantly because at that moment we will know for sure. Instead of insisting on the date or hour that Brother Camping is looking for, it is better to watch and wait (Richard Lewis, ibid.)

That is, assuming there is anything at all to this Jesus-coming-back-or-was-he-ever-here-as-claimed-in-the-first-place stuff? (gh, DXLD)

There was a story about this in The Times, January 8 which ended, after a section on a lady who felt discussing her beliefs in this at work was not really in the best interests of the company:

Other believers face greater dilemmas. Jim Goark, 64, an estate agent from San Diego, recently visited a couple who want to move to a larger house. The process could take all year to complete.

He felt that he needed to tell them that human history was going to end in May. "I'm going to have to tell them," he said. "But all their kids were running around, the in-laws were over, it wasn't appropriate. This is going to come up more and more." (Mike Barraclough, England, ibid.)

Well then -- things worked out for the best, all things considered. (Clara Listensprechen, ibid.)

In this case, but think how much damage this nonsense can do to other gullibles who give away their possessions? Forego needed medical treatment? How much blame should be apportioned to themselves, or to Harold Camping and Family Radio? Hmmm, possible lawsuits? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

There's an old saying: Caveat emptor (buyer beware) -- snake oil salesmen have constituted the 2nd Oldest Industry. There's another old saying worth considering as well: a fool and his money are soon parted. In recent years, that has morphed into "a fool and his money are some party". Nobody can protect the foolish from their own foolishness. Caveat emptor (Clara Listensprechen, ibid.)

** U S A. 15115, WYFR again with an unID African language, Sunday Jan 23 at 2227, VG signal. I think it is the same one heard previously at 21 on 11665, and definitely not Arabic. I listened for a while. It`s tonal, reminds me of Myanmarianese with rising ---eh? at end of many words. Also frequently heard a word sounding like ``general``.

Presumably ended at 2245, as off at 2255 check. Suspect Yoruba, and am enquiring of Okeechobee. This half-sesquihour had been listed as English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Hi Dan, I have been hearing an unknown language on WYFR lately, not on the schedules. I suppose it is a new African one added, or maybe time change. Today Sunday it was on 15115 at 2200-2245 UT, which used to be in English (I think). Another day it was on 11665 at 2100.

Could you identify it (or them, if different) for me? Definitely not Arabic as heard other days during that hour, 2100. Thanks, (Glenn to Dan Elyea, WYFR Okeechobee, via DXLD)

Both of the transmissions you mention should be Arabic, Glenn. I'll check to see if some switching error has crept into the audio matrix. Best regards, (Dan, Jan 24, ibid.)

[Later:] Glenn, we've checked the audio switching, and all seems correct. The cadences of the guy speaking Arabic now differ significantly from some previous speakers we've carried. Could that be what you're noticing? 73, Dan

[Later:] The plot thickens, Glenn! The early part of the Arabic program sounds fine. Further in, however, it seems to switch to a language we can't identify here. We're checking with Oakland, where they assemble these programs. Thanks for your heads-up. Dan

[Later:] Oakland confirms a problem, Glenn. It'll take them a while to suss it out. Right now, I'm listening the Arabic A program. This guy has the old familiar cadences. Last hour I listened to the Arabic B program, and that guy sounded quite different (before it slipped off into something clearly not Arabic). 73, Dan

[Later:] The mystery language insert in some of the Arabic programs (some kind of production error) turns out to be Burmese, Glenn. 73, (Dan Elyea, WYFR, Jan 25, to gh, via DXLD)

Dan, Tnx, that is what I suspected from the sound of it but could not imagine why it would be on in the middle of the Burmese night and on frequencies to Europe/Africa, so was wondering if it was Yoruba! 73, (Glenn to Dan, ibid.)

15115, Jan 24 at 2226 WYFR in proper language, Arabic. My inquiry to Okeechobee led to an investigation in Oakland, finally revealing that the other language I had heard on occasion during part of this Arabic half-sesquihour (also at 2100 on 11665) was: Burmese! Due to some kind of mixup in the playout. That`s what I thought the language sounded like, but could not imagine why they would have it on in the middle of

the Myanmarianese night, and on frequencies to Europe, Africa, so had wondered if it was Yoruba, another tonal language (Glenn Hauser, OK, Jan 25, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WMLK Future on SW --- Recently I noted an absence of WMLK in WRTH 2011 & wondered if the station's SW presence might have passed on with its founder Elder Jocob Meyer (who passed away in early in 2010).

As readers may know the station has been off air for quite some time due to antenna/feed-line damage & repairs had been hindered due to inclement weather.

Not having seen anything confirmed in the DX press I sent off an email to the station's CE Gavin and I received a prompt reply.

"Work continues. We have yet to rebuild the main antenna feedline. Because of the current inclement conditions, construction will resume in the [local] Spring. Meanwhile; you can listen to the WMLK Radio stream 24/7 @ ....."

In a nutshell: the SW station is inactive and waiting for repairs rather than being extinct as one might presume; at least that's the situation as it exists today. Regards (Ian Baxter, NSW, Jan 21, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

There you have it: 9265 might as well be used fulltime by other stations such as WINB the rest of B-10 and into A-11 (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Week in review: WSBA [York PA] good every day on 2730 (910 x 3). (Bill, W1OW, Smith, MA, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 4050-, KWMO, Jan 20 at 0716 makes only S9+3, not enough to overcome the noise level on 3 x 1350, unlike 24 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's my last morning here in Lamont, before heading back south, and conditions were similar to Saturday. Last night on 4050 we heard the third harmonic of KWMO from Washington, MO, one I've never heard on their 1350 fundamental frequency. 73, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, Alberta, Jan 24, IRCA via DXLD) time, details?

** U S A. 4045-USB, Jan 20 at 1223 I hear some SSB scratching to the low side of GUATEMALA, so tune down here. Weak signals, heard Fort Myers mentioned, then discussing Saturday and Sunday plans. It`s the net Bob Wilkner has reported several times, the Marine Weather Center, from Lakeland FL, and vessels are charged a subscription fee to participate, details at http://mwxc.com/services.php
Including different schedules for summer and winter, currently:

Nets conducted 6 days/week, Monday through Saturday.
``WINTER: Effective during US Standard Time (November into March):
 8137 USB 7:00am AST / 6:00am EST, 1100 UTC
 4045 USB 7:30am AST / 6:30am EST, 1130 UTC
 8104 USB 8:30am AST / 7:30am EST, 1230 UTC
12350 USB 9:30am AST / 8:30am EST, 1330 UTC
 6221 USB   10am AST /    9am EST, 1400 UTC

When Tropical weather has the potential to threaten any interests I'm aware of (and occasionally during periods of Spring & Fall migration), we'll conduct an evening Net, usually on 8104 USB at 7:00pm AST / 6:00pm  EST, 2300 UTC, unless announced otherwise.``

I can`t find anything resembling a callsign, but the guy behind all this is one Chris Parker (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3308-SSB, Jan 20 at 1232, AF MARS net with NCS AFF7KS and several others in informal comments, then strictly formatted message traffic about local weather conditions somewhere. Het from 3310, constant local mixing product of KGWA and KCRC, i.e. 2 x 960 + 1390. Per http://www.afmars.org/officials.shtml
AFF7KS is State MARS Director Kansas, Sherm Yacher (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3997-LSB, Sunday Jan 23 at 1320 one ham handing off to next one to continue reading chapter 23 at verse 34. Turns out to be Matthew, 24: shortly later, from Mel, but the call I copied doesn`t match the handle.

3987.5-LSB, Sunday Jan 23 at 1323, traffic net with message, ``For every man there is a woman, and the guitarist has his pick.`` -- Confucius? Then reading it back to be sure every word has been copied correctly. Countering the Bible class on 3997, which was mentioned here. Het from 3985, presumably Echo of Hope, Korea South. This net IDed at 1331 as Arkansas Razorback Emergency Traffic Net, and then handing over to:

3987.5-LSB, Ozark Bible Class, NCS Gene, W5SXV In Prairie Grove, opening with Pledge of Allegiance (``under God`` version). It could have been quite a cacophony, with multiple stations joining in, but they did not; however, reciter called for ``amens`` at the end of the POA, and several came thru in quick succession. Geez, it`s not a prayer!

1333 the leader delves into Ezekiel, after whom all those Zeke hillbillies are named, as he said. ARRL lookup shows: GAINES, EPHRIAM E, W5SXV, 12917 GREEN EARTH RD, PRAIRIE GROVE, AR 72753. There are

several other AR nets on this frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7190.0, two hams on AM, KD8OJX, Sean in Dayton OH has stronger signal but lower fi than KX5JT, who worx nites as dispatcher for 75 tow trux, but this is his nite off. Contact concludes at 0631*. ARRL shows KD8OJX, Sean W. Darrah is really in Beavercreek OH, and KX5JT is John D. Tate in Maurice LA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. GOP LOSES ITS RADIO VOICE AS KVI SWITCHES TO MUSIC
Jim Brunner, Seattle Times
http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2014028072_kvi25m.html

In its heyday, Seattle talk station KVI-AM [570] was a powerful engine for local Republican politics. A pioneer of the conservative talk-radio format in the early 1990s, KVI surrounded the nationally syndicated Rush Limbaugh show with a cadre of local talkers. The "hot talk" formula caught on ó the station soared to the top of the ratings.

Local hosts including John Carlson and Kirby Wilbur rallied like-minded listeners into a potent political force. They crusaded for conservative causes, helping pass initiatives including the state's "three strikes you're out" law and a ban on affirmative action.

But all that came to an end just after the November election, when the station switched to an "oldies" music format, swapping political chatter for the BeeGees and The Beach Boys.

The demise of talk radio on KVI has left a void for local Republicans ó a hole that has not yet been filled by social media or conservative blogs, say some local conservative leaders.

"Talk radio is to a large degree the base of the Republican Party in the way labor is the base of the Democratic Party," said Chris Vance, former chairman of the state Republican Party. "You could go on those shows and you could communicate to the Republican family. It's how Republicans got motivated and organized," he said. "Now it's gone, and it's a very big deal."

As a virtual arm of the Republican Party, KVI for years gave GOP politicians a platform free from what they viewed as liberal bias elsewhere in the Seattle-area media landscape. In 2000, KVI even produced the Republican nominee for governor in Carlson, who lost to Democrat Gary Locke.

While another local station, KTTH-AM, fills the Seattle-area

conservative-talk niche, its schedule is dominated by national hosts such as Glenn Beck and Sean Hannity.

"What's been lost is the local part," Vance said.

KTTH's sole local show host, David Boze, recently saw his program cut to one hour, down from three. The other two hours were given to an expanded Hannity show. "Right now, I feel very privileged to be the last man standing," said Boze, who grew up listening to KVI.

For Democrats and liberals, the end of KVI's conservative talk can't be a cause for tears. The station's hosts were sometimes accused by critics of improperly crossing the line into political campaigns and spreading lies about Democrats.

In 1996, KVI host Mike Siegel was fired after encouraging on-air discussion of unsubstantiated rumors about then-Seattle Mayor Norm Rice's private life. Rice held a news conference to denounce what he termed "hate talk."

Fischer Broadcasting decided to pull the plug on KVI's conservative-talk format because it wasn't successful any more, said general manager Jim Clayton.

Major coup in 2003

Its fate may have been sealed back in 2003, when rival KTTH scored a major coup by luring the Limbaugh show away. "In a town like Seattle, there is probably room for one conservative talk station and that one is gonna have Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh on it," Clayton said.

But Wilbur, a longtime KVI host and new state Republican Party chairman, argued the station had been holding its own. New management, he said, just wasn't as committed to the format. Wilbur's KVI show was canceled in 2009.

The loss of local radio hosts isn't confined to conservative talk.

"Local programming of every type has taken a back seat to nationally syndicated talk," said Michael Keith, a communications professor at Boston College who has written books on the radio industry. It's simply cheaper for stations to air national shows instead of paying local talent, he said.

The conservative point of view still has plenty of representation on Seattle airwaves ó former KVI host Carlson has a show on KOMO radio. KIRO's Dori Monson rants about government spending and other favorite conservative topics.

But none of that matches the local political force that KVI was at its prime, say some former hosts and other conservative leaders.

Carlson said his current radio show is more news analysis and doesn't allow him to crusade politically the way he did at KVI. "Nothing has matched the passion, power and influence of KVI since its heyday, in the news media, in the new or old media," Carlson said.

Memorable moments

Carlson and Wilbur cited moments like 1994, when KVI memorably organized a counter protest that dwarfed a Seattle rally where then-first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was promoting a health-care overhaul plan.

In 2005, after the Legislature raised the gas tax by 9 cents to pay for roads projects, KVI hosts promoted an initiative to repeal it. In just over 30 days, more than 420,000 people signed it. (Voters later rejected the initiative.)

"It's the local issues. If you want to know about the war in Iraq, you can listen to Hannity. Where do you get state government explained to you?" said Wilbur (via Kevin Redding, Jan 24, ABDX via DXLD)

Shortly after KVI flipped formats, KLFE 1590 changed from all-day Russian-language programming to syndicated conservative talk, so we still have two conservative talkers in town, KTTH 770 being the other.

Incidentally, since changing to oldies, KVI has been using live-and-local on-air hosts, at least during the day and early evening hours. including Tom Hutyler and Marina Rockinger, formerly of co-owned (Fisher Broadcasting) KOMO 1000. 73, (Keith Beesley, Seattle WA, ibid.)

I just happened across this while looking for photos or a map of the KVI site. I knew it was on Vashon Island, Washington, in the Puget Sound. Looks like a nice setting for a ground system, so it would be interesting to see how well someone could log this at night. Good luck, DXers. There is a cool website of ALL the Vashon Island radio station facilities at
http://vashonradio.com/towertour/kvi.html
To me, it's nice to see a facility that is non directional with the same power day and night. Have fun, (Ron Gitschier, Palm Coast, FL, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. Re 11-03, WTOR 770 with open carrier: No Imus in the Morning again for me, because of WTOR's $%^*@(  open carrier. Please let WABC

know, assuming they actually care about their skywave coverage. 73
(Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON, Jan 20, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Mike, I emailed one or two NY area folks who are well connected and one promised to let the CE at WABC know (Paul Walker, IL, ibid.)

Mike, Spoke with the CE down the hall yesterday. He's aware of it and said he'll take care of it (Bob Galerstein WB2VGD, Monroe, NY, ibid.)

** U S A. 1210 kHz, Jan 20 at 1330, KGYN OK in open carrier, allowing KHAT ID clearly with one-sesquihertz SAH, Mike & Mike in the Morning, then Sports Center news. KHAT is Laramie WY, should still be on night power 1 kW instead of 10 kW day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thx for the detailed report, Glenn. Re: KHAT 1210. I don't believe that they've used proper night rig very often this season. Commonly now heard here in IL through the others with WPHT phased out.  73 KAZ
(Neil Kazaross, IL, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. 1462 / 1468, FLORIDA, WMGG, Dunedin. 1146 January 22 and 1540 January 23, 2011. Huge spurs from fundamental 1470, with just a big blob (no actual programming audio detected). Recheck both local mid-afternoons, audio up and spurs gone, with Mexican Spanish "la Jefa" or similar slogan programming. Recheck Monday local morning had the Spanish format here, and the spurs not present. Gerry Bishop in Niceville, FL (panhandle, way across the Gulf of Mexico from here) was able to pull only the 1462 spur (measured at 1461.91) after my e-lert (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WTOP RADIO DEAL IS NATION'S LARGEST IN 5 YEARS
WTOP Washington January 20, 2011

The sale of WTOP and WFED and other Bonneville International-owned stations in Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati for $505 million to Hubbard Broadcasting is the biggest radio deal in the nation in five years...
Full story at http://www.wtop.com/?nid=25&sid=2241590
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

WTOP NEWS RADIO TO BE SOLD TO MINNESOTA BROADCASTER
http://wapo.st/fRbdYA
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WTOP-FM
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** U S A. WWKB 1520 Buffalo was off the air for maintenance UT Jan 20 so eastern DXers pounced on the frequency for DX (gh)

What's WSVX's format? (Rick Shaftan, NJ, WTFDA via DXLD) Shelbyville IN

Top 40, which is weird for an AM station in my opinion. Plenty of FM stations in the area already supply that format (Bob Timmerman, Indy, ibid.)

The format on WSVX is sort of reminiscent of the last format on WENS 97.1, before they went to the Hank format. The format was sort of "girly pop." (Dave in Indy Hascall, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

They *are* an FM station, at least to most of their listeners at this point. Like so many very small AM stations, 1520 has become essentially a studio-transmitter link for an AM-on-FM translator.

This actually has the promise of making DXing a little more interesting, since it's bringing some music formats back to AM. In Birmingham, WERC 960 just flipped from news-talk (now on a full-power FM down there) to active rock as "The Vulcan 103.1," originating programming for an FM translator.

It's something that's more than ESPN or Disney or C-to-C-AM, anyway... s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

KRHW was in weak but solid until 2327 ELT and WSVX came in at SIO 555 with a long slogan ID "Radio Revolution WSVX" here into Lancaster County, PA at 2333 ELT.

Now if the ionosphere would cooperate just a bit and bring in a couple more (Mark Clark, N3IRJ, Reinholds, PA, Grundig Satellit 750 with Top-Mount Ferrite Bar Antennam NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. KXEL 1540 - is this new? Last night heard KXEL at 0300 with following ID:

"Words of encouragement and music from the heart 15-40 KXEL Waterloo, Iowa. www.kxel.com". Then choirs singing.

Then checking website indicated that overnight programming after 9 pm or 10 pm local time is religious programming. Has it always been thus? Or is this a change? I've never heard this top of hour ID from KXEL before. 73 (Steve Whitt, UK, Jan 24, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** U S A. Seldom is heard on radio any more the Star Spangled Banner, but there it was on 1600 at the odd time of 1335 UT Jan 20, then seguÈ

to another anthem, unfamiliar, a state song? Certainly not Oklahoma! Ah, must have been South Vietnam`s, as song and announcements in Vietnamese followed at 1338 from KRVA, The Metroplex, TX.

YL says ``Good morning`` before resuming Vietnamese. Just signing on? Surely not, as NRC AM Log says NSP, but up to 25 kW day power from 930 watts night. FCC official sunrise is 1330 UT for January, sunset 2345; February: 1315-2415.

Was atop signals from Denver, heard mentioned at tune-in, and the constant off-frequency audible het from KMDO, Fort Scott KS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1600, Jan 21 a bit before 1330 UT, Star Spangled Banner is playing, presumably KRVA, The Metroplex, TX as heard yesterday but a few minutes later. A semi-minute later now, low het cuts on the frequency, and ``Rolling on the River`` plays, 1332 ``Real Oldies 1600`` ID, weather hi in the 50s; and then Vietnamese talk starts to dominate from KRVA. No RVN anthem heard meanwhile today.

The off-frequency has been pinned previously on KMDO Fort Scott in SE KS. NRC AM Log 2010-2011 does show it as OLDies format, but we know for sure that KRKE Albuquerque uses that slogan, so that may not be associated with the het.

Furthermore, today`s hi in ABQ is predicted in the 50s, vs 30s in Fort Scott. 1330 UT is indeed the official January sunrise time for KMDO, when it would be bumping up twenty-two-fold from 35 to 770 watts (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: The 1610 for Lander University in Greenwood, SC --- Oh, they claim it is legal, but it certainly is not; I heard it on the truck radio for over  5 miles from the campus, maybe more. You can "radiate" on campus but not off  the property, and certainly not 5 miles. I wonder if any one has heard one of these? (Powell E Way III, SC, 22 Jan, IRCA via DXLD)

I must have missed the earlier post on this - if this is/was intended to be a carrier current operation, I can remember a number of those which got out that far over the years (Russ Edmunds, 15 mi NNW of Philadelphia, Grid FN20id, ibid.)

There wasn't an earlier post, Russ. A friend and I discovered this Saturday. The FCC rules however, STRICTLY limit how far a Carrrier Current station can go and Lander's Press release acted like it was just OK to fire up a low power AM. And even leaky legal ones CAN NOT radiate beyond campus limits. Whoever does is VERY illegal (Powell E Way, ibid.)

On the subject of campus radio stations, when I was in college at Louisiana Tech in the early 1970's, we had a carrier-current AM station on 770. Technically, you were only supposed to be able to pick it up only if you had a radio that plugged into the 110 VAC mains in the dorm rooms.  But the underground cables were so lossy you could pick it up most anywhere on campus with your transistor radio - "KLPI 770 AM, the Student-Owned, Student-Operated Voice of Louisiana Tech University." Ah, what memories. 73 and Good DX, (Steve Ponder, N5WBI, Clear Lake City, TX, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 1670, Jan 21 I tune in an hour earlier than yesterday for the unID Spanish religion station: at 1254 UT audible in null of WTDY Madison WI making a fast SAH during Spanish talk. When the Spanish strengthens, it does seem to be coming from WSW, not south as would be the new XEANAH, which is not religious, anyway. So can only assume it is KHPY (for Happy?), Moreno Valley CA serving LA, supposedly with direxional beam nowhere near OKward; maybe out of whack? Only a few 1670s in US, and no others known to be Spanish.

1300 praise music in Spanish past hourtop, now stronger than WTDY, but no ID heard. 1321 W&W conversation, now WTDY is gone. How well do others find KHPY getting out to the east? Here`s the FCC nite pattern plot showing a null at 75 degrees, toward us, tho not as deep as one toward Redding:
http://www.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/622323-77871.pdf
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also UNIDENTIFIED

** U S A. 1700, Jan 25 at 1422, ID in passing as ``570 KLIF``, adstring, SAH. It`s KKLF, Richardson TX in The Metroplex, which is supposedly simulcasting another Dallas station, ``The Ticket``, KTCK-1310, but previously ran KLIF as implied by the call letters. Speculation is that no one is paying attention to which station goes out on 1700, and it still might be either one. I have no interest in listening to either, stupid ballgames or farrightwingnuts. Supposedly they both have local coverage gaps needing 1700 to fill in (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. STATIC ON THE CITADEL RADIO DIAL

EXECUTIVES who run public companies, and the directors who oversee them, are supposed to operate with the shareholdersí best interests at heart. If a capitalist society like ours is to function, that has to be a bedrock principle.

The reality, alas, can be far different, as shareholders in Citadel Broadcasting, a radio broadcasting company that exited bankruptcy last June, say they are discovering. A majority of the companyís owners

contend that they are being victimized by their boardís refusal to entertain a buyout offer from a competitor, Cumulus Media. They say they are worried that the Citadel directorsí inaction is intended to let an ineffective chief executive hang on to his job.

Citadel is the nationís third-largest radio broadcasting company; it owns and operates 166 FM and 59 AM stations in more than 50 markets. Its Citadel Media unit provides radio programming for approximately 4,000 station affiliates. Only Clear Channel and CBS are bigger. . . http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/23/business/23gret.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Very interesting article. One of the things you wonder about: When the article says that ìCitadel filed for bankruptcy protection and emerged about six months later with a far lighter debt load,î does that suggest that some of the creditors who lost out were former station owners who sold their stations to Citadel, who may now be left holding an empty bag?  If so, what a shame, if these were independents who perhaps put a lifetime into developing their stations (Dick W., ibid.)

** U S A. KDFC (SAN FRANCISCO) GOES KAPUT AS A COMMERCIAL STATION

Just received this from my son who lives in the Bay Area. Very interesting, both for what it does say and what it doesn't say! (John Sampson, Jan 19, ABDX via DXLD)

Listen Live  kdfc.com  Facebook  Tuesday, January 18, 2011

This is an exciting time in KDFC's history. The station is changing from ad-supported commercial radio to listener-supported public radio. The University of Southern California, which operates Classical KUSC in Los Angeles, has entered into an agreement with Entercom Communications that will preserve KDFC as the classical music station in the Bay Area.

KDFC will be moving down the FM dial to broadcast over two non-commercial signals immediately: 90.3 in San Francisco, and 89.9 in the North Bay. The station will be heard on 102.1 only until noon on Monday 1/24/2011. The new signals will have minimal reception south of Oakland and San Francisco for now, but will continue to be available over the internet at KDFC.com. The new KDFC has already begun to look for new signals to offer reception in the South Bay and the entire Bay Area for our around-the-clock classical programming.

We are happy to let you know Dianne Nicolini, Hoyt Smith, Rik Malone, and Ray White will continue as your on-air hosts, and KDFC's partnerships with the Bay Area arts and culture community will continue to grow and thrive.

KDFC is the last major commercial classical station in America to make the transition to public radio. This move ensures that classical radio is sustainable for our community into the future. Since 1947, Bay Area classical fans have shown their passionate support for KDFC. Now more than ever, we're grateful for that support as we begin the new era of Classical KDFC. Comments can be made to comments@myclassical.org, or by phoning 415-546-8710. If youíd like to send a check as a Founder for the Future of KDFC, please send a check to:

The Classical Public Radio Network
201 Third Street, 12th floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Sincerely,
Bill Lueth
Vice President
Classical KDFC
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO KDFC! CLASSICAL. AND THEN SOME!
(via John Sampson, ABDX via DXLD)

FM CRAZINESS IN SAN FRANCISCO

This is an enquiry e-mail via http://www.wtfda.org from: Larry Kenney

I just posted a message on the FMDX thread, but you might want to add something to the club magazine about the FM craziness that just occurred here in San Francisco. Three stations were sold and formats are being moved all around. The commercial classical station, KDFC, is going to be non-commercial on two frequencies, and the former classical frequency is going rock.

Affected 89.9 Angwin, 90.3 and 102.1 San Francisco.

You can read all the details in this article on the SF Chronicle site:
http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/18/DDV71H9VL2.DTL

It's a long URL, so you might have to paste the second part onto the first part after the ? if you can't click on it. Larry (via Mike Bugaj, WTFDA via DXLD) Viz.:

Greetings once again from Sactown, Glenn. Saw this shocker on yesterday's S.F. Chron front page (Ed Gardner, CA, Jan 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KDFC MOVES UP THE DIAL AS A NONPROFIT, KUSF DIES
Wednesday, January 19, 2011 (SF Chronicle)
Peter Hartlaub, Chronicle Staff Writer

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2011/01/19/MNV71H9VL2.DTL

(01-18) 19:46 PST SAN FRANCISCO -- The Bay Area's only classical music station announced on Tuesday that it will become a nonprofit, a move that changes the Bay Area radio landscape.

The University of Southern California, which is purchasing KDFC from Entercom Communications for an undisclosed price, took over the operation Tuesday afternoon. On Monday, the station will move from 102.1 on the FM dial to 89.9 and 90.3. Entercom will start broadcasting San Jose classic rock station KUFX in the classical station's old spot.

The move bodes well for the future of classical music radio in the Bay Area, but it comes at a price. In the near future, at least, KDFC's signal strength will make it difficult or impossible for many listeners to receive - especially in the South Bay. Meanwhile, University of San Francisco radio station KUSF, which had been broadcasting on 90.3 since 1977, lost that frequency on Tuesday morning, in a move that blindsided many of its staff and volunteers.

Domino effect

The Federal Communications Commission must approve the proposed deal, a process which often takes several months. The following moves would become permanent with an FCC blessing:

-- KDFC becomes a nonprofit, with ties to the people who run KUSC in Los Angeles, broadcasting on 89.9 and 90.3. The staff remains intact, and relationships with the San Francisco Opera and San Francisco Symphony will continue. The KDFC studio remains in the same building on Third Street in San Francisco, with the new nonprofit paying Entercom for space and engineering services. The station already has a popular webcast.

-- KUFX, known as the Fox, will begin simulcasts Monday on 98.5 in San JosÈ and 102.1 in San Francisco. The studio will move from San JosÈ to San Francisco, with a lineup that includes holdovers Greg Kihn and Tim Jeffreys - plus afternoons with "Big Rick" Stuart, who recently departed from KFOG.

-- KUSF and KNDL, a Christian music station in the North Bay, will lose their signals. A spokesman for the University of San Francisco said KUSF will continue as an online-only station.

Among last of its kind

The deal has been in the works for months. But the strains on

commercial classical stations go back years. The way radio ratings are measured has changed in recent years to the disadvantage of classical stations. KDFC was still holding onto a Top 10 overall market ranking in the Arbitron ratings from December, but was less successful in the advertiser-friendly 25-to-54-year-old demographic group.

After recent moves to noncommercial broadcasting by classical radio stations in New York and Miami, KDFC was one of the last big-city classical stations still using the paid advertising model. The station, which will be supported by donations, is planning a membership drive in April.

"They really are the last station standing," said Classical KUSC President Brenda Barnes, who will be the managing director of the nonprofit that runs KDFC. "But even with that commitment and that great work, the model just doesn't work that well any more."

KDFC program director Bill Lueth said the station, which has lost staff in recent years, will now be budgeted for growth, with hosts including Hoyt Smith and Dianne Nicolini staying on board. But the station's signal, which currently transmits from a prime spot on Mount Beacon in Marin County, will be considerably weaker. The more powerful of the station's two new frequencies, at KUSF, is positioned on a USF campus building.

And until the FCC approves the deal, KDFC can do little to solve the signal problem, other than point people toward its popular webcast. The South Bay will be the area that is most affected.

"Being able to hear the station is a critical part of the operation," said Lueth. "It's going to be priority one."

Terms not disclosed

Entercom and USC officials did not disclose the monetary terms of the deal. A school official said KUSF was purchased for $3.75 million.

San Francisco Opera General Director David Gockley and San Francisco Symphony Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas both released statements supporting the move. KDFC broadcasts the Symphony on Tuesday nights and the Opera on the first Sunday night of each month.

At KUSF, members of the mostly volunteer staff said they didn't know about the changes until late Tuesday morning. The station abruptly went off the air at 10 a.m. USF spokesman Gary McDonald said KUSF retains its call letters and logo for the webcast and will renew its focus as a learning lab for students.

Starting Tuesday afternoon, KDFC was set to "trimulcast" on 102.1, 90.3 and 89.9. On Monday, KDFC will lose its 102.3 signal to KUFX, and simulcast on the other two frequencies (via Ed Gardner, DXLD)

KUSF: HUNDREDS PROTEST PLANS TO SHUT RADIO STATION
John CotÈ, Chronicle Staff Writer
San Francisco Chronicle January 19, 2011 09:35 PM
Thursday, January 20, 2011

Read more:
http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/19/MNSQ1HBP9D.DTL#ixzz1BdwzCRjV
http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/19/MNSQ1HBP9D.DTL&feed=rss.news
(via gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. "AMERICA" - THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING

I have just listened to this fascinating programme on Radio 4. The first item covers the following:

With a federal deficit casting its shadow, some in the US Congress are calling for an end to federal funding of public broadcasting. Americana talks to Congressman Doug Lamborn and to Vivian Schiller, the President and CEO of National Public Radio, to learn more about how radio is financed (without the help of a national Licence Fee) and what impact cuts in federal dollars could have on the future of public broadcasting.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00xp2lw
The programme will be available on Listen Again soon.
(Mike Terry, Jan 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. PASSAGE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY RADIO ACT (FOR LPFM)

FCC Chairman Genachowski commends the passage of the Local Community Radio Act which he indicates will move the deployment of LPFM stations forward.

However, a close reading of Leslie Stimson's recent article on LPFMs indicates that full power stations receiving LPFM interference may be given powerful new legal tools to fight that interference. Check out the second URL below and scroll down to the third-to-the-last paragraph of her story. New LPFMs in congested markets may be facing problems they never envisioned.

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-303937A1.doc
http://radioworld.com/article/111220

(CGC Communicator Jan 19 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. CORWIN FOUND THE MUSIC IN WORDS
Radio World By Vic Cox January 18,2010

On a Sunday evening in New York in October of 1938, Norman Corwin labored over a program he was about to direct in a live broadcast for his new employer, the Columbia Broadcasting System.

It had been six months since CBS hired the former journalist to direct and produce a soap opera and three weekly series of dramatizing science, living history and citizens at work.

The 28-year-old Corwin toiled quietly. However, the floor below his Madison Avenue studio was the scene of a swirl of activity. Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre of the Air were broadcasting their pre-Halloween version, as Welles phrased it, of "dressing up in a sheet . and saying 'Boo!'"

Corwin's own program, which immediately followed the panic-inducing "War of the Worlds," went off uneventfully. He then left the building, unaware of what had occurred earlier - until he read the newspapers the next day.

He recalled the evening wryly: "Orson Welles and crew had emptied all the living rooms of America, so that my broadcast, I'm sure, was heard by a very small audience."

Quick study:

Corwin, the rookie radio dramatist, was undaunted. He went on to experiment with story-telling techniques like cold openings, perfecting his writing talents in many media and earning the nickname of radio's poet laureate.

His career work has won him honors including two Peabody Awards and a place in the Radio Hall of Fame. Naming him a Giant of Broadcasting in 2010, the Library of American Broadcasting said Corwin is "considered one of the greatest writers in the English language" and saluted him as being "among the first producers to regularly use entertainment to address serious social issues."

Corwin, 100 years old, lives in Los Angeles, where Radio World asked him to share some of his memories. . . Much more at
http://www.rwonline.com/article/112452
(via Mike Terry, Jan 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 6678 vuelve --- Infoideas este s·bado. Se anuncia la

salida nuevamente de "Web Radio Infoideas", via su frecuencia de OC en 6678 para este s·bado. No tengo datos m·s precisos (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Jan 21, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Might still be on until 0000 UT as per info last week. If frequency is clear, NAm might have a shot at it, but hurry (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Aceptable seÒal aquÌ en Rosario. WEB Radio Infoideas, JosÈ Pedro Varela, Lavalleja, Uruguay, 0030 UT, 6678 kHz, SINFO=35343. Programa "Noche junto a vos" (musical). En estos momentos Leo Mattioli y su conjunto Trinidad. Anuncian TE[lÈfono] 0986610253. Rx: Sony ICF 2010, Antena: T2FD (RubÈn G. Margenet, Argentina, UT Jan 23, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Pocos minutos antes de la 0100 UT de este nuevo dÌa 23 de enero de 2011, WEB Radio Infoideas se fue r·pidamente a 6675 kHz para volver (como si estuvieran haciendo pruebas) a los 6678. Puedo asegurar que se notÛ una substancial mejora en la calidad de recepciÛn. øEstar·n probando nuevo transmisor?. 0102 UT ID: "Est·s escuchando Web radio Infoideas" (voz femenina) (RubÈn G. Margenet, ibid.)

Yo reciÈn llego a mi QTH luego del exitoso DX camp de Mercedes. No puedo escuchar nada de nada siendo las 0115 UT. Me voy a abrir una cerveza y a ver Boca vs River (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

Adem·s de Web Radio Infoideas est· llegando con muy buena seÒal Radio Chan· de TacuarembÛ en los 5883.6 kHz, en estos momentos (0218 UT) con una excelente versiÛn de "La Cumparsita". SINFO=45434 (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, UT Jan 23, ibid.)

Radio Chan· de TacuarembÛ empezÛ en los 5883.6 a las 0218 UT y ahora 0345 UT est· en 5885. Mantiene buena seÒal y no dejan de pasar tango (RGM, ibid.)

Ac·, a Baires llegaba con QRK 2 a esa hora. Bah, un poco antes. Y durante la tarde de ayer mismo, cuando est·bamos en Mercedes con los muchachos, la capt·bamos con QRK 4 para 5 (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

En Valizas su seÒal era mÌnima, asÌ que afecta el fenÛmeno de skip, aunque los 100 m de hilo que tengo como antena, sin terminaciÛn resistiva a tierra podrÌan afectar la seÒal que viene por espalda. VariÛ por algunos minutos la frecuencia de 6678 a 6675 pero terminÛ al fin en la original. HabÌa una VOLMET en inglÈs por unos minutos por las inmediaciones (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, 1720 UT Jan 23, condiglist yg via DXLD)

[6678] Again active today Sunday evening/night local time (UT -2). It's in AM (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, 1810 UT Jan 23,

dxldyg via DXLD)

Anoche en Buenos Aires no pude recepcionarla. En absoluto. IntentÈ desde las 0115 UT hasta las 0130 (Arnaldo Slaen Jan 23 condiglist via DXLD)

Infoideas en 3900 --- Horacio, me acaba de avisar (siendo las 0109 UT) que Infoideas est· haciendo pruebas en 3900 kHz. °A buscarla! (MoisÈs Knochen, Montevideo, Uruguay, UT Jan 25, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Accediendo desde cel de mi hijo prox a cenar en un resto en Valizas. Infoideas en 3900 con 10 W. 73 de HAN (Horacio Nigro, ibid.)

Ac· en MVD [Montevideo] con 1 chicote de un par de metros junto a la ventana y usando la DE1103, pude escuchar m˙sica en 3900 kHz, por momentos destac·ndose del ruido digital imperante, hasta pude reconocer alguno de los temas! 73, (MoisÈs Knochen, 0225 UT, ibid.)

** VANUATU. 7259.962, 16.1 0830, R Vanuatu pretty alone, only weak disturbances from Mongolia on 7260. Someone wondering how their QSL once looked like, check below! TN
(FrÂn The SWL QSL Card Museum http://www.antique-corner.com/SWLQSL/ )
(Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

3945, R. Vanuatu, 1100, Jan 19. In Pok Pisin; interview; 1129 clear mention of ìVanuatuî; 1212 EZL pop songs; 1218 sign off announcement with SW-MW-FM frequencies; seemed to say they would be back on the air tomorrow at ìhalf past fiveî; unable to make out a clear R. Vanuatu ID; Anthem; 1220*; poor with ham QRM (Ron  Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3945, R. Vanuatu, 1205-1214*, Jan 22. In Tok Pisin; religious songs; 1213 abbreviated sign off announcement; Anthem; poorest reception this week (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 7260, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. January, 23 0828-0837 Pop music, female in an uncertain language. // 3945, 22422

3945, Japan, R. Nikkei 2, Chiba-Nagara. January, 23 0837-0845 soft music in Japanese selections. Vanuatu was underneath, 32333. 73ís (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7260, Radio Vanuatu, Port Vila, 0755-0810, 23-01, male, English, comments, music. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 Km. W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7260 at *0700, but strong hum ruins it (John Durham, RNZI Mailbox Jan 24 via DXLD) Included a clip of it and several other logs (gh)

Re 11-03, NEW ZEALAND [non], log of RNZI on 7260 which must have really been Vanuatu but with RNZI programming? I meant to add that wonder if RV are directly relaying off-air RNZI from its DRM feeder setup (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 17895, 15.1 0740, Radio Vaticana under BSKSA but coming up, English to 0745, Arabic 0745-0805, then c/d after interval signal. Fair. New check 18.1 confirmed this frequency, heard with very weak signals until c/d 0805 with Vatican interval signal. Vatican Radio in Arabic still using 15595 kHz for this broadcast, noted 18.1 at 0745.-

After my reporting on this to Glenn Hauser, Mauno Ritola found the explanation: This is the 3rd harmonic of 5965 kHz.

My friend Dag SM4AIQ found Vatican Radio 4005 kHz varying 200-300 Hz at fast oscillation speed! Technicians on winter holiday? (Ullmar Qvick, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. 11705, Jan 20 at 1253, S9+20 open carrier instead of RNV relay via Cuba until 1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA: no-show Hugazo

** ZAMBIA. Radio Christian Voice, 4965 at 2258 UT with religious talk. Full ID at 2300. Announcer said he be with you until 02 hours [= 24 UT --- gh]. Very Good Jan 22/11 (Mick Delmage, DXing near Lamont, Alberta, Canada as the Moman antenna farm, Perseus and new laptop, mostly 4-30 MHz log with some issues. We cannot get it fixed to a certain area, sort of goes with wind, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 6162,000 kv%ll ZNBC hˆrdes sista gÂngen pÂ denna QRG n%r jag s%nde tips till TN fˆrra bullen 6 eller 7/1? De har troligen haft drivs%ndaren inst%lld pÂ fel QRG nÂgra veckor, tror SA

6162.000 evenings, ZNBC was heard for the last time on this QRG when I sent my loggings to SWB issue 1710 on Jan 7. My guess is that they have the drive transmitter adjusted to the wrong QRG for some weeks. SA (Stig Adloffson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 23 translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 660, Jan 20 at 1317, plug for La Hora Nacional, then sounded like Caliente mentioned and calls XEFW, neither of which figures on this frequency. Maybe Aguascalientes, the 50 kW XEEY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Am hearing weird tones on both 1520 USB and 1540 LSB. Could this be generated by someone on 1530 khz? (Tom Jasinski, Joliet IL, NRC-AM via DXLD)

The approximately 1 kHz tone is being turned on and off and at some times there is something higher pitched. These would appear to be of domestic instead of TA origin.

Here in MA, especially near the shore, we usually get steady 1 kHz hets on numerous channels where a 9 kHz spaced TA channel is 1 kHz different from an adjacent 10 kHz domestic or LA: 531, 549, 621, 639, 711, 729, 801, 819, 891, 909, 981, 999, 1071, 1089, 1161, 1179, 1251, 1269, 1341, 1359, 1431, 1449, 1521, 1539, and 1611 (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, Billerica, MA + South Yarmouth, MA, NRC AM via DXLD)

Mark: Thanks for the reply. Listen to the attached audio clip from 0415 CST [1015 UT] this morning. This is on 1540 and KXEL is clearly heard with the weather. The weird tone was symmertrical - simultaneous on 1520 and 1540 (on two different radios at the same time). Notice the KXEL fade for a few seconds at 45 seconds into the recording and this signal appears to get stronger.? Same loop bearing as WCKY, NW/SE from here. Suspect WCKY 1530 had some modulation or IBOC issues that caused this. It is not there this evening (Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL, ibid.)

Had same thing last Sept as in DXLD 10-39, http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1039.txt ---

``UNIDENTIFIED. I sometimes check out the hi end of the MW band late at night, using the same E-W longwire to the FRG-7 as for SW. Something strange, Sept 23 at 0635 UT I was hearing a het of about 1 kHz on KOKC 1520, from 1521 --- that`s too late for Saudi Arabia, which is commonly audible earlier. And a het of almost, but not quite the same pitch, from 1539 against jumble of signals including an open carrier on 1540.

These do happen to be Region 1 MW channels, but such a pair is suspicious, as if a station on 1530 were running a 9 kHz tone test, or spurs of the same frequency. The 1521 and 1539 signals were fading, so not an artifact of some local appliance, altho 1539 was somewhat unstable judging from the pitch fluxuation. 1539/1540 het pitch was slightly higher than the 1521/1520 het, so if they were coming from a 1530 transmitter, it was slightly on the lo side. Could not make out any audio from them. I also scanned down to 1200 and did not hear any other `TA` hets. Ideas? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

And we went on to speculate whether the superpower Saudi on 1521 could possibly have propagated that late, etc., etc. (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1670, quite a mystery here, Jan 20 at 1340 UT, rosary in Spanish, loops roughly NW/SE, then praise song in Spanish. WTDY Madison no problem but can hear it in null of unID. Ranges from deep fades to good peaks. 1345 YLs still discussing, or addressing ``Santa MarÌa, Madre de Dios``, more low-key talk. Fast SAH of about 15 Hz, 1348 losing signal. The only US Spanish station on 1670 per NRC AM Log is KHPY in Moreno Valley CA, address in Burbank.

El Sembrador Ministries is Catholic, so that fits, but the trouble is, KHPY has an extremely direxional pattern toward the SW, altho nite power is 9 kW vs day power 10 kW, instead of the usual 1 kW night on X-band. No doubt they do rosaries, but a specific program schedule is lacking at http://www.esneradio.com/cms/index.php?page=programacion

I have been paying more attention to 1670, since news arrived of a new station near Mexico City, XEANAH, at Universidad de An·huac, Huixquilucan, Estado de MÈxico; 1 kW day and night per Fred Cant``s website via Terry Krueger, and this is its website:
http://www.anahuac.mx/radio/
Streaming worx, heard at 1743 except it`s just a music loop. Program grid http://www.anahuac.mx/radio/programacion.html shows an eclectic format, and ``Tres Bambalinas`` when I am listening. Not in my Random House dixionary, but Google says that means ``Three Scenes``.

The inauguration ceremony was just this morning at 1430 UT, and a live video webcast was apparently available. Video still running, but audio is annoyingly off-mike, about something else at 1800:
http://www.livestream.com/sintaxistv

But the History webpage for XEANAH says the radio station started in February 2004. Do they mean on the web, or some other radio frequency? I vaguely remember hearing about it before.

BTW, the Talking House in NW Enid on 1670 is still audible out to a few miles away at low-noise spots in western Enid on caradio, but not enough to block DX like this beyond its immediate neighborhood (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think it was back in Oct when I had a bit of Spanish religion here in IL thru WTDY on my western Phased BOGs and during good high end conditions to the west so maybe their pattern is a bit out of whack. Do DXers further west of you, like in CO get them commonly now? 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL/WI, NRC-AM via DXLD) see also USA: KHPY; MEXICO

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 1681.0, Jan 23 at 0640 UT, KRJO 1680 Old School in Monroe LA has constant het on hi side, never noted before. Still there when I turn back on at 1308. Could one of the other five US stations

on 1680 have slipped a kHz? Cuba has done this on some other frequencies, except there is no known Cuban on 1680. Possibly of local origin, but I doubt it. Anyone else hearing it? I was in the area trying for new XEANAH on 1670, but so far no luck with that, nor on caradio in evenings (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TT'er on 1680 --- At 00:45 CST am hearing at tone tester on 1680 kHz. with a strong signal (Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL, 0652 ut Jan 23, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I'm getting it here off the Eastern beverage only (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0659 UT, ibid.)

Quite loud on fade ups too, but no ID as yet (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, 0703 UT, ibid.)

Loop bearing appears to be SE/NW - can this be from Florida? (Tom, Joliet, 0718 UT, ibid.) Must be 90 degrees off (gh, DXLD)

This is not WOKB 1680 Winter Garden-Orlando, FL. I have their webstream on now, in the middle of a spot then back into some Urban gospel music (Paul B Walker, IL, 0723 UT, ibid.)

WPRR? Tim Tromp in MI reported: I'm hearing semi-local WPRR way off-frequency on about 1680.97 khz right now at 0713 UTC. That'd produce close to a 1 KHz tone, no? (Saul Chernos, Ont., NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD)

That makes sense. Thanks. 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

At 7:30 am tone on 1680 is still there. There is audio mixed with the tone. By tuning up to 1681 I can get fairly clear audio! (Tom Jasinski. Joliet, IL, Jan 23, IRCA via DXLD)

Then perhaps someone off-frequency, and not a test tone at all? (Walt Salmaniw, BC, ibid.)

Pretty easy to tell the difference - use SSB mode (assuming your receiver has it, of course). If the tone is heard only on one sideband, then it's likely a het from another carrier, not a test signal (Barry McLarnon VE3JF  Ottawa, ON, ibid.)

Much discussion about this overnight on the NRC listserver. Tim Tromp of Muskegon, MI reported that he was getting WPRR ("Public Reality Radio") in Ada on 1680.97, and the consensus is that they are the cause of it. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE, to gh, ABDX via DXLD)

WPRR back on frequency (1680 kHz) as of this morning, and right now at

1830 UT (Tim Tromp, Jan 23, ABDX via DXLD)

Glenn: Last night WPRR 1680 in Michigan was 1 kHz high causing strong het here. Sounds like they fixed the problem. This must have been what your heard out west (Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL, 0006 UT Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1681, tnx to many monitors closer to the Great Lakes who IDed the source of my het on 1680 as off-frequency WPRR, Ada MI, Public Reality Radio. One report had them back on 1680, before I heard 1681 again, Jan 24 at 0643 UT, so it was recurring. But not heard after that.

I have no idea what kind of transmitter they are using, but could someone familiar with AM outsenders explain how this could happen? AM units are normally fixed on one frequency and of course there is no need to be able to switch them, unlike frequency-agile international SW transmitters with a keypad making it quite possible to manually punch in the wrong frequency. Or does the WPRR unit have a 1-kHz-step tuning knob someone could bump? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re my inquiry last time about how WPRR Ada MI could slip off-frequency one kHz to 1681, received this answer from Robert LaFore, Radio Chief Engineer in Atlanta GA:

``Most if not all AM BCB transmitters are crystal controlled. They normally have a main and backup xtal. They can be tweaked with a trimmer. My guesses are:
1. Equipment failure
2. Unusually hot or cold in the tx shack
3. A frequency check led them to believe it was off-frequency, and they then mis-adjusted to make up for the faulty frequency reading
4. They switched from one crystal to the other, and whatever they switched to is off frequency. (Somewhat related to 1 above)``

Rechecked for a recurrence Jan 26 at 0718, no het on 1680 but an open carrier atop the channel from KRJO or something (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3209.992, 10.1 1650, UNID which I presume could be the new AUS-station, heard positively by MR already. Carrier has been seen other days as well when checked, but not on Jan 13 when I visited the DXQTH last time. TKF (Tarmo Kontro. Espoo, Finland, SW Bulletin Jan 23 via DXLD)

3209.999, 16.1 1530, UNID. A weak carrier was noted this day with antenna direction of 30o (Asia). This could possibly be a sign of the new Aussie which was heard in Finland by Mauno Ritola in the beginning

of January. As could be seen on the print screen copy below the signal is somewhat unstable which also was noted by Mauno Ritola when he heard them.

But the latest days a much more stable signal, probably a utility station has been observed but now on 3209.997. This one also strongest on the 30o (Asia) direction. This station can be heard all evening and could not be the Australian. Anyhow this frequency needs more work! TN (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, ibid.) See also AUSTRALIA

UNIDENTIFIED. January, 15th 2011, 2058-2101 UT, 3237 kHz, howl of a wind (whistle) at first was audible, shout of birds also howl dogs or wolves and still any not clear sounds - probably such call signs. Then a man's voice in Russian have begun Tt transfer an encryption "837 (3 times) 00000 (1 time)" many times successively. 45454 (Dmitry Puzanov, Kazakhstan, Rx : Grundig Satellit 750 + Degen DE1103, An. : LW - 63 metres / ìopen_dxî via RusDX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4079.5, Jan 25 at 0640, very weak beacon on CW slowly sending repeatedly nothing but TMP 44, presumably meaning the temperature is 44 F at its secret transmitter site in the middle of somewhere. Should be listed at
http://www.highfrequencybeaconsociety.com/
but not getting anything beyond the almost-blank homepage.

This was dealt with in DXLD 11-01, when it was TMP 45 on 4079.6, with references to the Mojave Desert and
http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php?topic=2029.0

Re my report of ``TMP 44`` on 4079.5, I found a good reference on this and other HIFER beacons:
http://www.hfunderground.com/wiki/High_Frequency_Beacons
which shows:
``4079 TMPnnn SW Arizona The TEMPERATURE BEACON - Temperature in deg. F. - sends 'TMP' then 2 - 3 digit temp. in CW every 10 seconds. 1 watt`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4865.018, 2315-2331 Jan 22. While checking the frequency range from 4864 to 4866 kHz, I noticed three radio station images using the WR-G31DDC Receiver. From previous checks of these frequencies, I knew that the frequency of 4865.054 was Brazil's Radio Verdes Florestas. The second frequency noted was 4864.562 which is probably another Brazilian that I haven't identified yet.

The third frequency noted of 4865.018 may be Bolivia's Radio Logos, but that is yet to be determined. In the meantime, the station on 4865.018 went off the air at 2330. Aoki's database says that Logos goes off at 2300 while EiBi says they go off at 0200 and there's no

schedule mentioned in last year's WRTH for Logos. Unfortunately the audio on these three is very threshold if heard at all. In the meantime, I intend to continue checking out this frequency range with hopes of hearing something eventually (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bolivia, 4864.980, Radio Logos, Tentative, 2330-2341 Jan 24, As usual, noted three carriers in the vicinity of 4865: 1. 4864.545 KHz, 2. 4864.980 KHz, 3. 4865.035 KHz. Believe the second on 4864.980 is Radio Logos. It's too early to hear audio from any of these especially 4864.980, but at 2341 UT, 4864.980 goes off the air. This happened yesterday also around the same time. So if I have idented the correct frequency for Logos, the signoff time could be established at around 2341? I will try  and get another reading tomorrow? (Chuck Bolland, WR G31DDC, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5010.0, unIDed 0514 20 Jan with poor carrier and talks by YL in presumed - due to high local QRN - Spanish or Portuguese. Is R Cristal [DOMINICAN REPUBLIC] on this frequency now? (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Rarely reported, and if so, goes off around 0000 UT (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi Glenn, Did you happen to catch 6075 today? R. Rossii had a nice clear audio. No motorboating. Yes, it is finally fixed! Attached is 6074 CW audio. Can you confirm it is the usual 8GAL? Thanks (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ron, This is one day I didn`t bother to check. Very interesting. Again the strength seems amazing from this standpoint. Same format as before but the call given is NOT 8GAL!
V V V CQ CQ CQ DE 2MTL 2MTL K
I would guess that it`s from the same transmitter as 8GAL, since these are after all tactical callsigns which could be changed at will.

And I recall that yet another callsign was heard at some point on 6074, but haven`t hunted it up yet (Glenn to Ron, via DXLD)

Interesting indeed! Thanks. That's always the way it is; just skip one day and you miss something. See DXLD 8-116:

``UNIDENTIFIED. RE DXLD 8ñ115: CW on 6075 - Email from David E. Crawford: The callsigns are typical of Russian Army (4 random alfa/num characters), almost certainly unrelated to the SWBC transmission. These things are all over 3-10 MHz, always keyboard sent (to hide the "fist"), and they often run repeating callup loops. Some nets are simplex, but crossband is probably more common. The standing nets do keep regular schedules, which would explain why you always hear it at the same time. Cyrillic characters are used in the text but not the

callsigns. There are also a few CHICOM CW stations with similar calls, but mostly in broadcast mode if I recall correctly. We hear the Russians more in the evening on this side when conditions are good (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, Oct 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

6074, at 1401 on Jan 24 heard a different CW marker than normally heard; Glenn listened to my recording and commented: ìVery interesting. Again the strength seems amazing from this standpoint. Same format as before but the call given is NOT 8GAL!

V V V CQ CQ CQ DE 2MTL 2MTL K

I would guess that itís from the same transmitter as 8GAL, since these are after all tactical callsigns which could be changed at will. 73, Glennî.

Thanks to Glenn for his kind assistance. Some years ago I once observed a VZAI callsign, but as Glenn often reports, it is normally 8GAL (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6074, Jan 26 at 1400, closing timesignal from R. Rossii, 6075 overlapped slightly with start of CW marker, but as Ron Howard monitored Jan 24, no longer with usual tactical ID as 8GAL; instead, 2MTL again today (he says it was not heard Jan 25). Reception here barely audible in noise, incomparably worse than Ron`s recording of it from a California beach:
http://www.mediafire.com/?rjccwqweh3l8m13
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9259.8, Jan 21 at 1354 past 1400, open carrier with lite fades; no, not WINB from 9265, as still going on 13570. This far down, could be ute rather than broadcaster (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9450, UNID Arabic program noted at 0810 til 1031 UT Jan 22, throughout Holy Quran prayer program, S=4-5. Underneath DWL Bonaire German service til 1000 UT. Not \\ IRIB 15550 kHz. Could be R Kuwait HQ program ???

Radio Kuwait later at 11-16 UT on 9750 kHz S=4, underneath RTM Kajang, Malaysia (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 23 via DXLD)

9450 previously reported as Egyptian spy station but carried some broadcast programming (gh, DXLD)

Yes remember, Zacharias from Thessaloniki did send me an e-mail 1-2

years ago on this matter on 9450 kHz. But spy HQ sound was much better than usual Abis/Abu Zabaal audio quality (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Subject: 9450 UNID Arabish Holy Quran prayer over and over 0805-1015 UT --- No signal from UNID Arabic st'n on 9450 0800-1030 UTC on Jan 23. Only DWL in German via Bonaire 0800-1000 plus carrier on 9449.8v. (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15209.3, approx., het again upon WYFR Portuguese 15210.0, Jan 23 at 1402, still at 1454 with some audio, and at 1515 when YFR is in English. Has anyone further east identified the source? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. BBC location unknown - 15785 from 1457 with the BBC Interval Signal until 1400 when there were time pips followed by Big Ben and BBC announcement. The following programming sounded like Arabic (Finkle, K6EID, GA, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, set a filter to 2.8 kHz narrow-wide, or try various receivers in parallel. BBC Arabic is usually 5 kHz up on 15790 kHz from Zyyi Cyprus 14-16 UT. 73 wolfy df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. HARMONICO DA RADIO FRANCE --- A Radio France Internacional deve est· com algum problema nos seus transmissores pois est· saindo um harmÛnico [sic] muito forte em 27920 em AM com sinal muito forte, j· venho observando isso h· muitos dias (PU8WWW, RENATO, +55-91-8166- 2627, BRAZIL, http://www.trc002.webs.com 5:16 pm [timestamp, zone?], 19 Jan, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Language? Timespan heard? Correlation with known fundamental frequencies, including French Guiana relay? 27920 does not work out to be a simple integral harmonic of any RFI frequency: 13960, 9306+, 6980, 5584. And the unreliability of 10-11 m would surely rule out using it as a feeder. If we knew the timespan, we might find two GUF frequencies scheduled which add up to this, or some such (gh, DXLD)

Renato, essa tx È modulada em SSB ou AM ? Poderia ser um feeder para algum relay da RFI. 73s (Sarmento Campos, ibid.)

… EM AM e MUITO FORTE SINAL DE 40 DB AQUI. SINAL VEM DA EUROPA, [ES]TO[U] ESCUTANDO AQUI COM ANTENA A 37 GRAUS (Renato, ibid.)

Ol· Xar·, Sarmento e Lista, A RFI atÈ pode estar com problemas, mais se considerarmos a potÍncia dos TX da RFI (500.000 watts) bem como todo o parque de antenas (digna de nota) associado a excelente condiÁ„o atual de propagaÁ„o que estamos tendo em 11 e 10 metros, bastariam alguns poucos watts para o sinal chegar estourando por aqui.

Bastou a propagaÁ„o de 11 e 10 metros voltar que vez por outra escuto o harmÛnico de v·rias emissoras de broadcasting (CRI BBC VOA RFI RNW etc... ) em geral as que utilizam potÍncias acima de 200 KW, sempre no perÌodo da tarde ou no final da tarde e claro, com a propagaÁ„o dos 11 metros escancarada para v·rias regiıes.

A potÍncia desses TX s„o por demais fortes e os filtros sempre acabam deixando passar alguns poucos watts nos primeiros harmÙnicos que em condiÁıes de boa propagaÁ„o acabam permitindo isso, as vezes bastam alguns miliwatts. Um forte 73 e boas escutas (PU2LZB Renato Uliana, Guarulhos - SP, ibid.)

Agora neste momento estou ouvindo o harmonico em 27865 novamente Radio France Internacional, porÈm hoje `t· um pouquinho mais a baixo, desliguei o prÈ amplificador, liguei o atenuador de 20 db e continuo ouvindo. N„o È imagem; tenho um Sony aqui, tb com anteninha telescÛpica e t· chegando nÍle tambÈm. Tirei o Icom 706 da antena quadra cubica e coloquei em uma antena mÛvel e continua chegando, portando a hipÛtese de imagem. Acho dificil È um harmonico mesmo; pra mim [es]to[u] atÈ achando bom to me baseando de quando tem propagaÁ„o p[a]ra Europa. Mandei pra Radio France Internacional um e-mail; eles me acabaram de responder: isso deve ser algum r·dio aficionado transmitindo o sinal deles (REN, 20 Jan 3:54 pm [zone?], ibid.)

Renato, o fenomeno È muito curioso, mas ainda estamos confusos:

1) a frequencia onde surge o esp˙rio È 27920 ou 27865? VocÍ citou QRGs diferentes nos emails.

2) Qual o receptor da Sony que vocÍ usou para comparar? O Sony mostra o esp˙riona mesma QRG do IC-706?

3) Que hor·rio comeÁa esta emiss„o? Que hor·rio termina? Que lÌngua(s) s„o usadas na transmiss„o? --hg (Huelbe Garcia, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. North NJ unids --- I've been up to my old haunts in Northern NJ a couple of times recently and had a little time to DX on the car radio. I have a couple of unids.

First, I'm pretty sure is a pirate, heard from Boonton, NJ yesterday 1410 EST on 104.7 with a foreign language sounding a lot like French, low modulation and a pronounced AC hum. Anyone know anything about this? (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, Jan 23, WTFDA via DXLD)

The last time I was in the Newark NJ area I counted at least 7 pirates including 104.7. 104.7 used to be one of the few open channels up there with only scattering of WSPK Poughkeepsie. However, at home I

can tell you that I recently logged 104.7 W284AQ Hackettstown, a 210 watt translator for 1510 WRNJ. However based on your low modulation and AC hum, it was likely the pirate and not brokered foreign language programming from WRNJ. Honestly I would discount anything you hear in northeastern NJ as the pirate count is out of control. I even logged one on 106.5 which should be getting clobbered by WLTW's IBOC (K3PHL - Steve W., Milford Square, PA (Allentown) (FN20HJ), Sony XDR-F1HD, Denon TU-1500RD, Delco RDS, APS-9B @ 33', ibid.)

On 104.7 here the two dominant stations are the translator W284AQ in Hackettstown or WSPK in Poughkeepsie which should be strong in N Jersey (Mike Hunter, W2MHZ, Neshanic Station NJ, ibid.)

I had expected WSPK, which was the dominant station there when I lived about 4 miles North of where I was yesterday, but this covered it. Strong carrier but weak mumbling audio with the hum. I couldn't be sure of the language. My first guess was Creole French.

In fact when I was in Dover on 12/31, I was surprised at some of the area translators that I couldn't hear (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, (15 mi NW of Philadelphia), ibid.)

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
++++++++++++++++++++++++

Tnx to N6NKS, S.P. McGreevy Productions for a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

You're welcome, Glenn - I catch WOR via XM/WRN weekends, and read WOR online too, and seems you could use another donation and thanks for publishing my past stuff in WOR! You Do very FINE work, and I can 1/2 read the Spanish stuff too! Very best 73, (Steve McGreevy, http://www.auroralchorus.com http://www.spaceweathersounds.com WORLD OF RADIO 1549)

I live for your show. It is better than Neil Rogers, believe it or not. I am upset that WWCR has taken it off Saturday noon and night.

When will WOR via phone 575-802-8142, press 2 be updated? It still has #1541. Another phone service is Talk Shop, 616-980-7222, press 4, and carries WOR. I have my own show Tuesday at 8 pm [0100 UT Weds] (Mike Lantz, Miami Beach, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx for your loyalty. I have nothing to do with the phone services, so can`t answer questions about them. I do not object to WOR being provided in that way, however, if people really want or need to listen
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

on the phone, even by long distance. Joybubbles used to provide such a service (gh, DXLD)

PUBLICATIONS
++++++++++++

ROGER TIDY`S BOOK

I'm reading a book by Roger Tidy and on the cover notes it says that "during the 1980s he published a weekly newsletter for radio enthusiasts charting the the latest developments in the ongoing struggle between Western Eastern and non-aligned idealogies". Does anyone know what this publication was? Pls reply off the list. Thanks (Steve Whitt, MWC via DXLD)

HITLER`S RADIO WAR

Glenn, Thanks for your message. The book that Steve Whitt refers to is 'Hitler's Radio War', which is not meant to be released until 31 January! The book, which is published in London by Robert Hale Ltd., looks at the external service of the German radio during World War II, especially its overt and covert broadcasts to Britain. However, it also covers German wartime broadcasts to the USA, France, the Soviet Union, Greece, Yugoslavia and other countries, including a chapter on German radio propaganda to India.

In addition, it looks at the numerous 'personalities' who broadcast to Allied troops during the final phase of the war, including the two women known as Axis Sally and the equally notorious Mary of Arnhem. The book is based on archival research at such places as the Imperial War Museum, the UK National Archives and the BBC's Written Archives Centre at Caversham.

The newsletter that I published was 'Media Monitor', which started as a hobby publication reflecting my interest in international broadcasting and, to some extent, the pirate scene in the UK. As time went on, the articles I included became more political, reflecting my interest in world affairs. I remember, for example, writing some articles about jamming and the failure of Radio Moscow to come clean about the Chernobyl accident.

I gave up publishing 'Media Monitor' after I suffered a serious assault which left me with multiple injuries and permanent blindness in one eye, and to be honest I also found the effort of producing a weekly publication far too taxing as I was involved in lots of other things at the time, including running a small monitoring business, 'Modern Media Monitoring'.

This business, which was nothing to do with international broadcasting, was set up to monitor the output of UK national radio and TV stations, plus London local stations, and to provide transcripts or summaries of the contents to organisations that needed to know what the broadcast media were saying about them. The clients included numerous large companies, government departments, local councils and a large number of foreign embassies.

The business, which started in the early 1980s was very successful. Unfortunately, though, I fell out with my business partners and dropped out, leaving them to sell it after I had left to the Broadcast Monitoring Company, which was owned by the Robert Maxwell Group.

After that, I carried on monitoring in a small way for a small number of clients but soon grew tired of the business and, eventually, took a completely new path which took me to university as a mature student, where I earned a BA in history and an MA in contemporary history and politics.

I will send you a 'review' copy of my book, which I hope you will find interesting. Best wishes (Roger Tidy, England, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DSWCI TROPICAL BANDS MONITOR 2010

is available free to all DXers: http://www.dswci.org/tbm
Best 73 (Rolf Wernli, DSWCI webmaster, Jan 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LANGUAGE LESSONS See also INDONESIA; UNIDENTIFIED 9450
++++++++++++++++

"Goooaaaaaaallllll" ?! Are you sure you heard this, Glenn?

Re: DX LISTENING DIGEST 11-03, January 19, 2011

Portugal, RDPi observation by Glenn. Glenn and others who for some odd reason use that word [goal] when reporting Portuguese speaking staions: are you sure that is what you hear - "goal"?

I have seen this often in reports, not just in DXLD but elsewhere.

All right, our term derives from Eng. "goal", but what you'll hear in *any* stn, be it here in Portugal or elsewhere is the Portuguese variation of the word, "golo" - a term which, to quote the adjective that fancies you, is silly, silly as many ball games, incl. that N. Americans seem to be so fond of, American football.

In Castilian, they chose the variation "gole", the French seem to have

kept it in the original form, "goal", the Germans adapted it to "Tor" (neutr. n.), meaning gate... so they cry "goal" accordingly.

But that's in the context of sport, that's where the borrowed term ends.

In Port., there is this other word "golo" (or "gole"), and also the less known "golo" (or "goro") (puzzling, isn't it?), which, again, are not related to the above applied to sports.

Perhaps for you, Glenn, to find out? 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In Spain, the SER stations during the game when there was a goal used to celebrate it giving morse letters G-O-L. Maybe still used? 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Jari, Yes, in Castilian "gol", not "gole", you are quite correct - and I am sorry for having written "gole", I was perhaps thinking about the plural form, "goles", so take the -e- away. My apologies for possibly misleading some of you. As I said, it too derives from the Engl. term "goal."

Whether they [just SER network?] send it in Morse code, g-o-l, frankly, I don't know, but maybe some station had this idea to cheer the [f/ball] scores. I shall try to remember to check this, and then report back. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, ibid.)

"Gol" castillanized... of use in all S. Am. It's funny to listen to that word in Morse via REE. Who said the code is dead? HI! (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES / DX-PEDITIONS
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++

RESE—A ENCUENTRO DX OCA—A

Hola Colegas, He realizado una reseÒa sobre mi viaje y participacion al I encuentro DX Colombo-Venezolano; el cual a pesar de las situaciones presentadas por el crudo invierno que han vivido Colombia y Venezuela, pudo llevarse a cabo. Para leer el reporte completo puden hacerlo a traves de:
http://www.scribd.com/doc/47272373/Encuentro-DX-Ocana-2011

TambiÈn pueden hacerlo visitando
http://espanol.groups.yahoo.com/group/latinoamericadx/files/OtrosDX/
Codial Saludo Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, playdx yg via DXLD)

HFCC A-11

Following the unrest in Tunis, original site for the February meeting, this has been moved to Prague, Czechia, and still on the same dates as originally planned, Feb 14-19. Participants are scrambling to get their visas and others arrangements made in time (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WINTER SWL FEST COMING UP; TRY TO GET HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE BY FEB 4

Greetings from South of the Border -- where it feels like it's North of the Border right now.

You're all invited to help out the USA's balance of payments by joining us at the 24th (!) Winter SWL Fest in Plymouth Meeting, PA -- just outside of Philadelphia -- in early March.

A full slate of forums, ranging from Radio St. Helena to producing your own broadcast to QSL collecting via eBay to a surprise special event, are all on tap.

There is plenty of room for all at the hotel and the Fest at this point, but as of February 4th the hotel will be allowed to release the block of rooms set aside for the Fest for other guests. This doesn't mean you won't get a room if you reserve after February 4th, but there's a chance the hotel could sell out by the time you get around to making a reservation.

This happened to us a bunch of years ago at our previous hotel, the Best Western Inn At Towamencin in Kulpsville.

So if you do plan to join us, try to get the reservations done ASAP if possible -- it helps us better plan things as well.

Check here -- http://www.swlfest.com/2011-fest-news/ -- for live links to reserve both a hotel room and your Fest registration!

If you're old school and want to handle the reservation by phone, the hotel's phone number is 1-610-834-8300 -- remember to request the "Winter SWL Fest" to get the discounted rate (with full breakfast!)

Hope you can join us! -- (Richard Cuff / John Figliozzi, co-Festmeisters, Jan 23, ODXA yg via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS
++++++++++++

# CMMC DXPEDITION --- MODERN MARCONIS MAKE WAVES AT WCC MUSEUM

On January 8, the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (CMMC) museum hosted a DXpedition at the historic WCC Marconi Wireless site in Chatham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Radio enthusiasts were given a tour of the museum, then setup antennas and receivers on the site for an evening of transatlantic AM broadcast DXing. If watching from above, radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi must have been delighted. After all it was he who sent the first ever transatlantic radio communication in the United States from a nearby Cape Cod site, and then established radio station WCC in Chatham. It became known as the world's greatest maritime wireless communications facility, and is considered the birthplace of all the wireless devices we use today.

## In the Beginning

It was 110 years ago when Marconi completed the first transatlantic wireless communication, taking place between England and Signal Hill, Newfoundland, commemorated by the now infamous Newfie DXpeditions which by the way will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. In 1903 Marconi made the first wireless two-way communications between England and Wellfleet on Cape Cod, a U.S. mainland site selected specifically for its proximity to Europe.

Marconi later envisioned a network of wireless communication stations for ships at sea, an idea which ultimately proved its worth in 1912 when over 700 people aboard the sinking Titanic were saved after an S.O.S. transmitted from the ship's Marconi Room alerted rescuers. In 1914 WCC Chatham replaced Wellfleet as part of the network of Marconi land-based wireless radio stations that would link North America, Europe, Japan, and voyagers across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. However WCC "Wireless Cape Cod" was to take on a much more significant place in history.

Initially WCC was primarily a monitoring station, but operators could transmit via remote control from another site in Marion, Massachusetts. The WCC rhombic antennas were said to have been designed by H.H. Beverage, developer of the Beverage wave guide antenna still popular among DXers today.

The WCC site was taken over by the U.S. Navy during both World Wars. Most notably during World War II after the Enigma code was broken, Navy operators at WCC were able to receive and decode the enciphered signals from the German high command and otherwise nearly undetectable submerged U-boats, which combined with direction-finding gave Allied forces the ability to pinpoint their positions.

WCC was sold to RCA and maintained as a maritime communications

station under the name "Radiomarine Corporation of America." By the 1950s WCC was arguably the busiest wireless communications station in the western hemisphere, operating transmitters from longwave to the shortwave marine bands. WCC history also extends beyond the oceans, holding a role in aeronautics including communications with Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, and the last known communication with the Hindenburg before its fiery demise.

With the breakup of RCA in 1998, WCC became part of MCI. By 1993 WCC was no longer a manned station, now under remote control by sister station KPH in California. WCC operated at 436 kHz longwave, KPH at 426 kHz, and both monitored the international calling and distress frequency of 500 kHz. In 1994 the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places. WCC went off the air in 1997 as a victim of downsizing and technological advancements. Although the town of Chatham purchased the property in 1999, the site remained dormant until the newly organized CMMC came to the rescue in 2002.

The CMMC Mission

The CMMC now leases the Marconi site from the town, and will be opening a museum in the restored WCC operations building early this summer. Additionally the WCC Amateur Radio Association operates WA1WCC from a corner of the building. The museum was opened to the local community briefly last August for a sneak preview. The CMMC has since been working hard in preparation for the grand opening.

"We're making it more interactive, not just a display of antiques," said CMMC Vice President Frank Messina KB1UZZ. "We're working with school systems to help educate the teachers bringing the kids here, to develop an interest in what happened here. We try to explain the whole concept of communication."

In addition to the many artifacts on display, there's a Morse code kiosk with a practice key, and a mini-theater for viewing a short film narrated by Walter Cronkite. The CMMC collaborates with schools to develop curriculum within the guidelines of the Massachusetts "Science Technology Engineering Math" (STEM) program. In addition the WA1WCC club offers amateur radio operator license courses. Many of the poles and towers that once supported the rhombic antennas are still standing. The CMMC and WA1WCC hope to get a rhombic back up and operating. "WCC, that was it," said CMMC Board Member Rob Leiden K1UI. "It was the only signal that could be heard."

The DXpeditioners

Rob Leiden and Frank Messina were kind enough to open the operations building to the CapeDX group for a museum tour followed by an evening

of transatlantic AM broadcast DXing in January. CapeDX members Chris Black N1CP, Mark Connelly WA1ION, Marc DeLorenzo, Steve Wood, and I setup our modern receive stations, a Drake R8, Japan Radio NRD 535, an Excalibur and two Perseus SDR receivers to capture the action across the AM broadcast band. Three terminated broadband loop antennas were erected for the event, aimed northeast, east, and southeast. A number of community CMMC members came to watch and learn more about the hobby.

Initially we became worried that the event would be a bust, due to interference from the CQX beacon on 279 kHz at nearby Chatham Airport. The CW signal from CQX was causing the entire noise floor to pulse with Morse code on our SDR spectrum analyzer displays. However as sunset approached the interference was overtaken by rising signal levels and we were soon rewarded for our efforts as a number of new finds were discovered. For Marc DeLorenzo, it was a first to hear Sudan on mediumwave. "Country number 104 heard from Cape Cod," reported Marc, "And a major thrill!" "It was a great experience being able to DX from this site," said Steve Wood. "I have never heard transatlantics that clear and loud from my home and I'm less than 5 miles from CMMC."

CMMC DXpedition Logbook

Full details of selected logbook entries are followed by a complete frequency list sorted by country which includes many of the more commonly received signals reported in the International DX Digest. It was a team effort. Because all of us were essentially receiving the same signals within the same 1900-2300 time frame, it only made sense to spare you from multiple listings of "Radio Nacional EspaÒa, Informativos," and so on. (41 frequencies for Spain!) Of particular interest are the logs of 765 Iran with Switzerland off the air, and 1314 UAE which for many of us was a first. All times are UTC, January 8, 2011.

531 ChaÓne 1, El Ain Beida, Algeria, at 2258 excellent; ads, contemporary instrumental, alternating woman and man with promo/ID into time marker and news, parallel also excellent 549 kHz.

531 RNE Spain, at 2200 top of the hour pips and theme music, "Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, Informativos." Fair under Algeria.

590 CMHI R. Rebelde, Santa Clara, Cuba, at 2301 parallel 560, 600 with 9-note Rebelde sounder, Spanish talk; mixed with VOCM and WEZE.

595 SNRT Oujda, Morocco, at 2302 man and woman in Arabic; poor.

639 Cesky Rozhlas, Liblice, Czech Republic, at 2100 Slavic news/talk by woman; poor, over co-channel Spain.

657 Rai Radiouno, Italy, at 2259 national anthem at apparent sign off per EMWG.

675  Libyan Jamahiriya, Benghazi, Libya, at 2202 Arabic music; in 680 WRKO slop.

693  VOR Zehlendorf, Germany, at 2202 Russian talk; briefly atop UK and Spain.

702  RMC Info, Le Col de la Madonne, France, at 2200 pips, French talk, "Ici Radio Chine International."  Fair signal.

730  HJCU Cadena Melodia, Bogot·, Colombia, at 2302 an old-fashioned vocal, "Melodia" ID; over CKAC.

765  IRIB Sarasary, Chahbahar, Iran, at 2156 music parallel Sarasary streaming audio, then Koran parallel 837 kHz.  A new log since co-channel Switzerland went dark.

783  MDR Info, Leipzig-Wiederau, Germany, at 2300 fair, over unidentified stations; time marker and fanfare, "MDR Info..."

810  ZNS3 Freeport, Bahamas, at 2300 non-stop street-band music - a blend of calypso and Dixieland jazz; good, dominant.

873  AFN Frankfurt, Germany, at 2302 parallel 1107 kHz with Led Zeppelin rock vocal; to good peak over presumed co-channel Spain.

890.1  HIPJ R. Continental, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, at 2300 good carrier but no audio.

909  BBC Radio 5, United Kingdom, at 2200 to good peak with "This is BBC Radio 5 Live" into news.

917  R. Gotel, Yola, Nigeria, at 2202 carrier with het from 918 kHz, heard a man in an unidentified African sounding language.

918  R. Slovenija, Ljubljana-Domzale, Slovenia, at 2200 over a weak 917 Nigeria het; distinctive time marker into theme music with two Radio Slovenija IDs.

950.042  YVKG R. Popular, Caracas, Venezuela, at 2300 carrier only, no audio.

972  NDR Info, Hamburg, Germany, at 2200 bits of German news by woman; under a huge Libya signal.

1035  R. Clube, Belmonte, Portugal, at 2300 a female version of B.J. Thomas 1969 hit "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head," then "San Francisco" by Scott McKenzie from 1967, Star FM mention by man, Portuguese talk by woman, Star FM jingle, and "Harvest Moon" by Neil Young; fair to good.

1053  COPE Spain, at 2201 fast Spanish talk; atop UK and the growl of off-frequency signals at 1053.103 from Libya and an unidentified 1053.047 kHz.

1062  Rai Radiouno, Italy, at 2158 poor with synchro echo; talk in Italian, time marker into news on the hour.

1089  Radio Rossii, Tbilisskaya, Russia, at 2258 good to fade; classical music, man and woman in Russian with Rossii mentions.

1089  TalkSport, United Kingdom, at 2202 now coming up over Russia, reverberated TalkSport ID, promo, scores, "Middlesborough suffered a defeat."

1134  Glas Hrvatske, Zadar, Croatia, at 2100 excellent with pop music fading into signature long pips on the hour, fanfare with Hrvatske Radio ID.

1179  SER Radio Valencia, Valencia, Spain, at 2153 fair with local ID (AM & FM) and apparent ad or promo in Spanish.  Thanks to Henrik Klemetz for help via Real DX.

1215  Voice of Russia, Bolshakovo, Kaliningrad, at 2058 "This is the Voice of Russia World Service," frequencies and web site, "Great Gate of Kiev" bells interval signal, then national anthem at 2100 UTC. Good signal, well over Absolute Radio, United Kingdom.

1296  SNBC Reiba, Sudan, at 2050 noted African music parallel 7200 kHz, trading places atop the frequency with co-channel Spain.

1314  R. Farda, Al Dhabbaya, United Arab Emirates, at 2157 fanfare, Radio Farda ID, into news with a sound bite from Obama in English.

1323  Voice of Russia, Wachenbrunn, Germany, at 2100 French news/talk by man and woman, emphasis music.

1394.8  TransWorld Radio, FllakÎ, Albania, at 2100 one cycle of TWR interval signal, then Polish program per EMWG.

1413  RNE5 Spain, at 2059 good with a nostalgic vocal, time marker, fanfare, "Radio Nacional de EspaÒa, Informativos."

1422  Deutschlandfunk, Heusweiler, Germany, at 2040 over presumed Algeria; woman in German parallel 6190 kHz.

1431  Radio 3/R. Kultura, Kopani, Ukraine, at 2058 fair over co-channel Djibouti; ethnic vocal, announcement, time marker, and sign-off leaving Radio Sawa in clear.

1440  RTL Marnach, Luxembourg, at 2100 intro music based on variations of 6-note interval signal, French ID, "Ici Radio Chine International," over co-channel WRED and WVEI.

1476  Euskadi Irratia, San Sebastian, Spain, at 2100 possible Basque talk by woman; poor over growl from an unidentified off-frequency 1476.268 kHz signal.

1530  VOA S„o TomÈ e Principe, at 2200 "This is the Voice of America, Washington DC, signing off," and info on how to obtain more information about times and frequencies.  Very good signal.

1548  Voice of Russia, Grigoriopol, Moldova, at 2102 VOR program in Serbian per EMWG.

1557  France Info, Fontbonne, France, at 2100 parallel 1206, 1242, and 1494 kHz with France Info fanfare music into news.

Country List

43 radio countries heard:
Albania:  1394.8
Algeria:  531, 549, 981, 1422
Angola:  1088
Bahamas:  810
Belgium:  1125
Brazil:  700, 740, 760, 1100, 1220
British Virgin Islands:  780
Canary Islands/Spain:  621, 720, 747, 837, 1179

Colombia:  650, 730, 760, 770
Croatia:  1134
Cuba:  530, 560, 570, 600, 610, 640, 670, 690, 710, 750, 770, 790, 840, 860, 870, 900, 950, 960, 1180
Czech Republic:  639
Djibouti:  1431
Dominican Republic:  890.1
Egypt:  774
France:  603, 702, 711, 792, 837, 864, 945, 1206, 1242, 1377, 1467, 1494, 1557
Germany:  693, 756, 783, 873, 972, 1107, 1269, 1323, 1422
Haiti:  840
Iran:  765, 837, 936, 1080
Italy:  657, 1062
Kaliningrad:  1215
Kuwait:  1548
Libya:  675, 972, 1053.1, 1251, 1449
Luxembourg:  1440
Mauritania:  783
Moldova:  1548
Morocco:  595, 612, 999
Netherlands:  747
Netherlands Antilles:  800
Nigeria:  917
Portugal:  594, 720, 1035
Puerto Rico:  580, 600, 630
Russia:  1089
S„o TomÈ:  1530
Saudi Arabia:  1521
Slovenia:  918
Spain:  531, 558, 567, 576, 585, 639, 648, 657, 684, 729, 738, 774, 783, 792, 801, 855, 864, 882, 936, 963, 999, 1026, 1044, 1053, 1080, 1098, 1107, 1116, 1125, 1134, 1143, 1152, 1179, 1215, 1296, 1305, 1314, 1413, 1476, 1485, 1503
St. Kitts & Nevis:  555, 820
Sudan:  1296
Ukraine: 1431
United Arab Emirates:  1314
United Kingdom:  693, 882, 909, 1053, 1089, 1215, 1458
Venezuela:  720, 750, 950

It was an awesome experience to be receiving transatlantic signals under the shadow of Marconi. Visit http://www.chathammarconi.org to learn more about CMMC. Consider supporting the museum and ongoing education programs by becoming a member. The CMMC DXpedition will also be covered in the April 2011 edition of Popular Communications magazine. 73 and Good DX! (Bruce Conti, NRC International DX Digest 78-17 [complete] via DXLD)

MUSEA also see just above
+++++

BBC INSIDE OUT FEATURE ON ASPIDISTRA WARTIME TRANSMITTER SITE

Fascinating 10 minute feature on BBC Inside Out South East last night on the Aspidistra transmitter site, 500 kW used for black propaganda during WW2. Includes interview with Les Rawlings who was an engineer at the station, starts 10 minutes 20 seconds in, link to programme and photos of station at:
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2011/aspidistra_tx_site.htm
(Mike Barraclough, Jan 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC WORLD SERVICE TO FEATURE RADIO CURATOR GERRY WELLS
RSGB News 11 June 2010

Gerald Wells, known as Gerry, is the curator of the British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum in Dulwich, London, which was features in the December 2008 RadCom. His museum is not open to the general public, but guided tours are available by appointment. Dan Shepherd has recently finished making a radio documentary about Gerry for the BBC World Service.

The programme will be broadcast at 9am BST on 20 August, although it is worth checking the BBC World Service website nearer the date as the schedule can change.
http://www.rsgb.org/news/newsitem.php?id=3

A 10 minute documentary, Obsession, about Gerry Wells was broadcast on Channel 4 in March 1994 in its Working Parts series of short films. An off air recording of this has been uploaded by a vintage radio enthusiast and can be seen at
http://s276.photobucket.com/albums/kk1/kevvywevvywoo/vintage/?action=view&current=Movie.mp4
(Mike Barraclough, England, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
++++++++++++++++++++

SDR-RADIO: A HIGHLY EFFICIENT TOOL FOR DXING AN MONITORING! (Paper: How-to)

Hallo - in the last weeks, Simon's software SDR-Radio brought up new and highly efficient tools for DXers. I do like especially the analysis of the IQ Data File, where you can see bands with either a wide angle or a microscope. Both perspective will further enhance DXing and monitoring. In a PDF of about 25 pages, I collected some

examples of how to use this tool. Mostly, they are just screenshots with their captions. If you want to download it, visit: http://bit.ly/hZJ4yp

Any comments, critics & suggestions are highly welcomed! -- 73, (Nils DK8OK Schiffhauer, Jan 25, Excalibur, SDR-IP/GPS, Perseus, 2 x 20 m active quad loop (90 ), 42 m windom, DX-One prof, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MILTON BRADLEY RADIO GAME

Hello Glenn, Saw this old Milton Bradley game on eBay and wondered if anyone had any information about it:

http://cgi.ebay.com/Vintage-Milton-Bradley-Radio-Game-QSL-Cards-/160534047766?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item2560932c16
Take care! (Eric Loy, Catlin, IL, Jan 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VIDEO OF CLIMBING A 1700' TOWER

The person that forwarded this to me wrote the next sentence and I thought, "Yeah, right." Be sure and take a deep breath. I don't know what they pay this guy but it wouldn't be enough for me to do it.

My heart was pounding & I couldn't watch it all.
: Climbing a tower [7+ minutes]
This guy is NUTS!!!

http://www.liveleak.com/mp53/player.swf?config=http://www.liveleak.com/mp53/player_config.php?token=07b_1284580365%26embed=1
(Jan Schrader, Meth Meadows MO, Jan 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THE CONICAL TV ANTENNA

I got an email from someone through the wtfda.org website who built a conical TV antenna and asked me why the design was discarded in the first place. He calls it a "fan" arial and has a website about it http://cool386.tripod.com/fan/fan.html

He wrote "I was interested to see the description of the Fan aerial design in your technical articles. Recently, I constructed a replica of one and was most impressed with the results. What has me curious is why the design fell out of fashion. It certainly performs better than some more modern commercially made designs I've tried."

Anyone have an answer? -- (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT USA Jan 19, WTFDA via DXLD)

Mike, That I don't know, but I do know they're sturdy. I've seen a lot of fifty year old examples of this design on roof tops all over Central Illinois, most fully intact (Curtis Sadowski, ibid.)

If I had to guess, I would say it may have been a combination of the need for improved gain and directional qualities (which longer log and LPY antennas do provide - but not to a very great degree), improved UHF performance, and simply appearance (long beam antennas looked more "rocket age, were identified as newer than conicals, and thus presumed to be better to laypeople).

Of course, having some gain, some directivity, and simply being up in the clear (as with any outdoor antenna) tends to bring good results, with further improvements being incremental.

Decades ago, the man who rented us the cabin at Platte Lake had an array of two conicals (up/down), with a rotator on a wooden pole, about 60' up, with twinlead, at his own year-round house. He let me give it a spin for a few minutes on the only occasion I had been in the house, and I was quite impresses with how yell the array performed.

I've had the conical on my mind ever since the DTV transition got underway. I figure that if someone were to make a conical with almost exactly 1/3 scale dimensions of the vintage conicals, one would have an antenna that covers VHF-highband with its fundamental and much of UHF with its third overtone - with an antenna that would be very cheap to manufacture and take 1/27th the volume of a vintage conical.

One other note - some had a conical still in use near my in-law's house in Carleton, I know this because it was replaced with a new all-channel TV antenna in June, 2009 (Rob Grant, N8NU, ibid.)

The conical antennas did have good gain. They did nearly as well as the newer antenna designs. There were two disadvantages with them. The first was that they did make some noise when there were higher winds probably due to the length of the elements. The second was that they took up a fairly large amount of vertical space. My father had a stack of four conical antennas (2 double stacks, one above the other) up on the top of a tower. When a hurricane came through with the high winds, the long pipe that extended up from the tower bent due to the high wind load and the long lever arm of the vertical pipe. The broadband characteristics of the conical antennas was very good, even though they only used one length of active element (Bob Seaman, ibid.)

ADJACENT CHANNEL INTERFERENCE SUPPRESSION USING CORRELATION FEEDBACK

I just completed an online monologue on the subject of interference

cancellation using correlation feedback and posted the paper on my web page:
http://www.home.earthlink.net/~christrask/Paper024.html

There are undoubtedly errors in this, but I wanted to get it completed so that I can move on to another project that has been lingering for a few years (Chris Trask, N7ZWY / WDX3HLB, Senior Member IEEE
http://www.home.earthlink.net/~christrask/

by (Chris Trask / N7ZWY, Sonoran Radio Research, P.O. Box 25240, Tempe, AZ 85285-5240, ODXA yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BELGIUM; BRAZIL; BULGARIA; VANUATU
++++++++++++++++++++++++++

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See CANADA
++++++++++++++++++++++++++

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC
++++++++++++++++++++++++++

DOCUMENT IBOCQRM IN COMPLAINTS TO CONGRESS

Hereís a Christmas wish: may the IBOC HD-digital die a quick death and the broadcasters realize their folly. Iíd suggest that DXers perhaps tape frequencies destroyed by IBOC in their areas, then when a subsequent same frequency clears up as an offending station turns the IBOC off, send those tapes to their Congressmen or Senators explaining what is going on. Question them as to why legalized jamming is being allowed by the FCC and why theyíve allowed broadcasters to do this, particularly in the post sundown hours. I would also suggest including comments as to how this form of legalized jamming could be a national homeland security issue or a safety issue in cases of local/national emergencies, I.e. Katrina. We as DXers need to take a proactive stance to save our AM dial from those who are destroying it.

Iíll cite my recent example: WCWA-1230 on a recent Sunday night had its IBOC off and I was able to hear WCBY-1240 Cheboygan, MI, next day itís back on and 1240 is a buzz saw. Iím sure Iím not alone, though. I find that many recently reported receptions are 50 kW being heard about 500-700 miles away. I can remember when clubs used to frown on those types of reports because they were considered ìchalkî. Guess thatís not the case any more. KSTP-1500 St. Paul, MN gets my vote as best 50 kW coverage nowadays. I get them here and out west I had them into NM & NV! KFI couldnít match that! (Gary Siegel, Toledo OH, DX Forum, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 22 via DXLD)

PROPAGATION

++++++++++

A MODEL OF THE F-LAYER; EQUATORIAL SPREAD-F

For those with propagation interests:
http://www.nrl.navy.mil/media/news-releases/17-11r/

Spread F was hypothesized to affect certain trans-equatorial receptions in one of the "fine tuning" annuals a number of years ago. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, Jan 19, IRCA via DXLD)

50 MHZ MULTIPLE E/F HOP TRANSPACIFIC DX; SOLAR CYCLES

Patrick Dyer, WA5IYX of San Antonio, Texas (EL09ql) wrote last week: "Several 6-meter ZL/VK-US events occurred since around Christmas, mostly involving just K6QXY or N5JEH (NM). (Check the lookback/search features on
http://www.vhfdx.info/spots
http://www.dxsummit.fi
http://dxworld.com/tvfmlog.html or
http://dxworld.com/50prop.html
using the ZL/VK calls noted). IA and IL got into the Jan 10-11 event.

"The best guess, as this is near the Es peak in each hemisphere for the Winter and Summer seasons, is Es-Es-F2F2-Es- Es (add another -Es for the W0/W9 path). F2F2 is the chordal hop over the geomagnetic equator where the high ionization levels and effective tilts permit very low angles of incidence (thus giving much higher MUFs than one would expect from a "flat" layer). As most of the Es hops involved are over water there is generally no evidence/warning of any intermediate signals from along that path.

"The Jan 10-11 event, with its concentrated US hotspot footprint in AZ, shows this very well as W0/W9 had Es linking them to/thru AZ. Even during the Cycle 21-23 peak years 6m VK/ZL paths that far to the US N.E. were rare vs. the numerous events to W6, south W7, W5, and south W4."

Peter Laws, N5UWY of Norman, Oklahoma had a response to W1YO's comment in last week's bulletin that "I have been through five solar cycles and this one is not normal."

Peter writes: "With all due respect to W1YO, a sample size of five is hardly enough to make a judgment about what is normal. This cycle may be different from the previous four or five, but we have little evidence to determine if any of them is normal!"

"In all, we only have good data on the last 24 or so cycles and

less-accurate data for few more cycles before that."

"But our nearest star is about 4.5 BILLION years old. That's over 400 MILLION solar cycles!"

True enough, but "normal" expresses what you are accustomed to, as well as what expectations are. I think many of us wish that Cycle 19 was normal, as in, not unusual and that Cycle 24 was normal as well.

Speaking of what is normal and what is not, occasionally you can read something in the press quoting someone who seems to be getting it terribly wrong regarding solar activity. There was a "long range weather forecaster" quoted this week in the Australian press who says he uses sunspot activity to make his predictions. He was quoted as saying, "There is a huge amount of solar activity and solar flares at the moment." Don't believe it? Read it at http://snipurl.com/1w52z9

(QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 3 ARLP003, From Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA January 21, 2011, To all radio amateurs, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from predominantly quiet levels at lower latitudes to a few periods at minor storm levels at high latitudes. Mostly quiet periods predominated from 17 - 18 January. On 19 January, a recurrent coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) moved into a geoeffective position. Observations from the ACE spacecraft indicated an increase in solar wind velocities from around 400km/s - 530km/s with the Bz component of the interplanetary magnetic field generally varying between +/- 6 nT. Two periods at minor storm levels were observed at high latitudes on 19/0900-1500 UTC in response to the CH HSS. Predominantly quiet levels were observed for the rest of the summary period as the effects of the CH HSS waned.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 26 JAN - 21 FEB 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels during 26 - 30 January. Very low levels are expected for the remainder of the period. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal levels during 26 January - 04 February. Moderate to high levels are expected from 04 - 09 February. A return to normal to moderate levels is expected for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at predominantly quiet levels from 26 January - 02 February. Field activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels during 02 - 05 February due to

a recurrent CH HSS. Predominantly quiet levels is expected to
prevail for the remainder of the period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt
:Issued: 2011 Jan 25 1925 UTC
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
#
#  27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
#  Issued 2011-01-25
#

| # UTC Date | Radio Flux 10.7 cm | Planetary A Index | Largest Kp Index |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2011 Jan 26 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Jan 27 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Jan 28 | 80 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Jan 29 | 78 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Jan 30 | 78 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Jan 31 | 78 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 01 | 78 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 02 | 78 | 7 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 03 | 78 | 10 | 3 |
| 2011 Feb 04 | 80 | 10 | 3 |
| 2011 Feb 05 | 80 | 7 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 06 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 07 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 08 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 09 | 82 | 7 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 10 | 82 | 7 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 11 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 12 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 13 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 14 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 15 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 16 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 17 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 18 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 19 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 20 | 82 | 5 | 2 |
| 2011 Feb 21 | 82 | 5 | 2 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1549, DXLD) ####